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悠聖は家を出てきた理花と一緒に暮らし始める。互いに支え合い、懸命に生きる二人。愛娘・花凛が生まれたことで、理花の父親とは和解するが、なぜか花凛には不運が続き、悠聖は自分のせいではないかと悩むが…。

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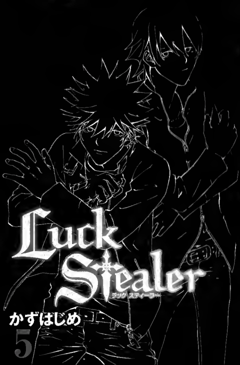

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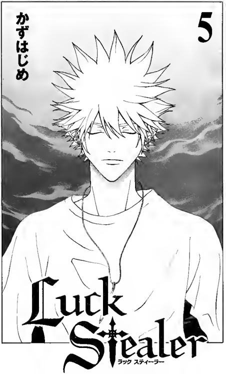

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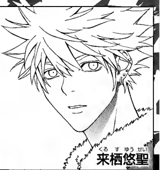
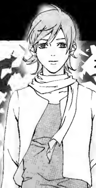


くるす ゆうせい

来栖悠聖

手で触れた人間の運を奪う特殊な力を持つ。かつては「死神の来栖」と呼ばれていた。



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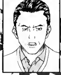
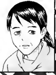
木ノ下理花

悠聖の年上の恋人。



木ノ下正治

理花の父。

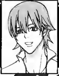


木ノ下加奈江

理花の母。

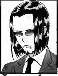
天崎真也

悠聖の裏の仕事の師匠!?



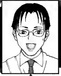
中藤

カジノバー「フラミンゴ」のマスター。裏では殺しを斡旋。



真仲祥司

悠聖の高校時代のクラスメイト。



STORY

来栖悠聖は運泥棒と呼ばれる始末屋。悠聖に「運」を盗まれた標的は皆、必ず「偶然」何かが起こって死ぬ─。悠聖は、自分で「運」を作ることができない愛娘・花凜に「運」を与えるために、悪党達から「運」を奪い続ける─。

運命を操り、善人には幸運や癒しを非人には罰を与えるという「神聖なる血脈」─ある教会の使命で「神聖なる血脈」を探す美女・ロアは、悠聖こそが「神聖なる血脈」であると言い出す。悠聖はロアの持つ情報が、花凜を救う手がかりになると考え、ロアに協力するフリをする。そんな中、花凜が「運」の少ない状態で外出、事故に巻き込まれる。自分の「不運」のせいで人を傷つけたと悲しむ花凜に悠聖はかつての自分を重ね合わせる。

周囲の人間が次々と死に、すさんでいった学生時代。しかし一人の女性、木ノ下理花との出会いが悠聖を変えていく。力のことを知ってもなお、一緒にいてくれる理花と、真剣に交際し、結婚を考える悠聖。だが、理花の父が二人の交際を強く反対、ついに理花は家を出て、悠聖のもとへ…。

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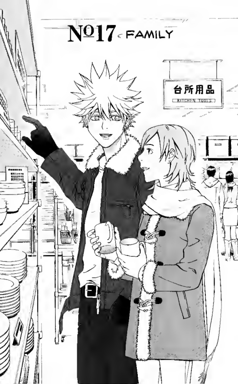
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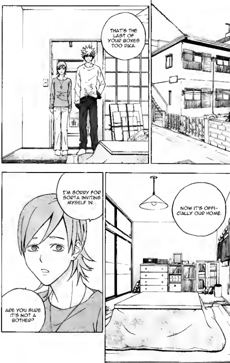
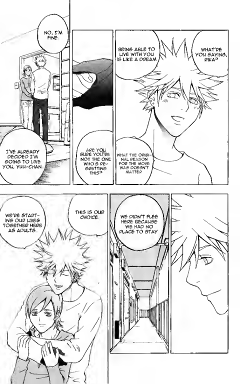
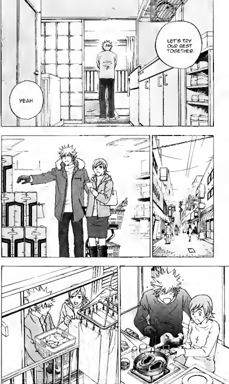
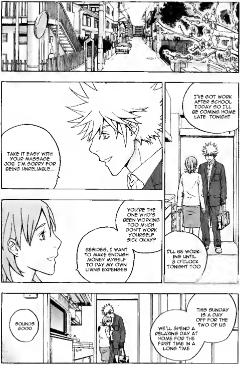
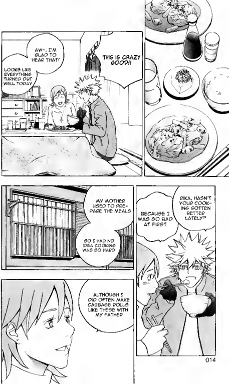
KITCHEN TOOLS

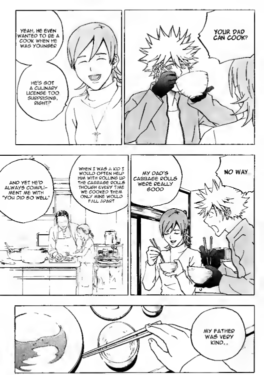

THAT'S THE LAST OF YOUR BOXES TOO RIKA.
NOW IT'S OFFICIALLY OUR HOME.
I'M SORRY FOR SORTA INVITING MYSELF IN
ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT A BOTHER?

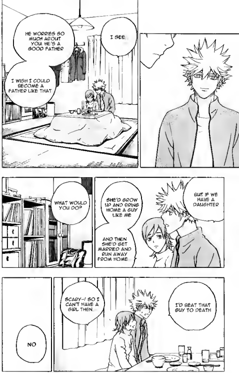

WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, RIKA?
BEING ABLE TO LIVE WITH YOU IS LIKE A DREAM
WHAT THE ORIGINAL REASON FOR THE MOVE WAS DOESN'T MATTER
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO'S REGRETTING THIS?
NO, I'M FINE.
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED I'M GOING TO LIVE YOU, YUU-CHAN
WE DIDN'T FLEE HERE BECAUSE WE HAD NO PLACE TO STAY
THIS IS OUR CHOICE.
WE'RE STARTING OUR LIVES TOGETHER HERE AS ADULTS.

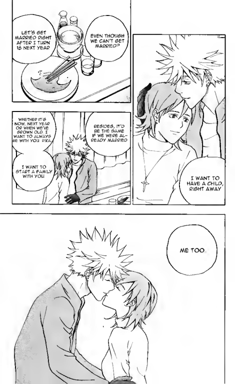

LET'S TRY OUR BEST TOGETHER.
YEAH

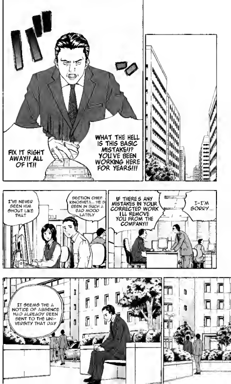

I'VE GOT WORK AFTER SCHOOL TODAY SO I'LL BE COMING HOME LATE TONIGHT
I'LL BE WORKING UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT TOO
TAKE IT EASY WITH YOUR MASSAGE JOB. I'M SORRY FOR BEING UNRELIABLE...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN WORKING TOO MUCH DON'T WORK YOURSELF SICK OKAY?
BESIDES, I WANT TO MAKE ENOUGH MONEY MYSELF TO PAY MY OWN LIVING EXPENSES
THIS SUNDAY IS A DAY OFF FOR THE TWO OF US
WE'LL SPEND A RELAXING DAY AT HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME
SOUNDS GOOD

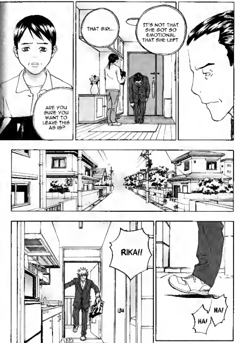

THIS IS CRAZY GOOD!!
AW~, I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT!
LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING TURNED OUT WELL TODAY
RIKA, HASN'T YOUR COOKING GOTTEN BETTER LATELY?
BECAUSE I WAS SO BAD AT FIRST
MY MOTHER USED TO PREPARE THE MEALS
SO I HAD NO IDEA COOKING WAS SO HARD
ALTHOUGH I DID OFTEN MAKE CABBAGE ROLLS LIKE THESE WITH MY FATHER

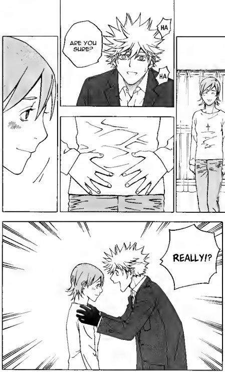

YOUR DAD CAN COOK?
YEAH, HE EVEN WANTED TO BE A COOK WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER
HE'S GOT A CULINARY LICENSE TOO SURPRISING, RIGHT?
NO WAY
MY DAD'S CABBAGE ROLLS WERE REALLY GOOD
WHEN I WAS A KID I WOULD OFTEN HELP HIM WITH ROLLING UP THE CABBAGE ROLLS THOUGH EVERY TIME WE COOKED THEM ONLY MINE WOULD FALL APART
AND YET HE'D ALWAYS COMPLIMENT ME WITH "YOU DID SO WELL"
MY FATHER WAS VERY KIND..


HE WORRIES SO MUCH ABOUT YOU HE'S A GOOD FATHER
I SEE
I WISH I COULD BECOME A FATHER LIKE THAT
BUT IF WE HAVE A DAUGHTER
SHE'D GROW UP AND BRING HOME A GUY LIKE ME
AND THEN SHE'D GET MARRIED AND RUN AWAY FROM HOME
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
I'D BEAT THAT GUY TO DEATH
SCARY--! SO I CAN'T HAVE A GIRL THEN
NO


LET'S GET MARRIED RIGHT AFTER I TURN 18 NEXT YEAR
EVEN THOUGH WE CAN'T GET MARRIED?
WHETHER IT'S NOW, NEXT YEAR OR WHEN WE'VE GROWN OLD, I WANT TO ALWAYS BE WITH YOU, RIKA.
BESIDES, IT'D BE THE SAME IF WE WERE ALREADY MARRIED
I WANT TO START A FAMILY WITH YOU
I WANT TO HAVE A CHILD, RIGHT AWAY
ME TOO


WHAT THE HELL IS THIS BASIC MISTAKE!? YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HERE FOR YEARS!!!
FIX IT RIGHT AWAY!! ALL OF IT!!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SHOUT LIKE THAT
SECTION CHIEF KINOSHITA... HE'S BEEN IN SUCH A BAD MOOD LATELY
IF THERE'S ANY MISTAKES IN YOUR CORRECTED WORK I'LL REMOVE YOU FROM THE COMPANY!!
I-I'M SORRY...
IT SEEMS THE A NOTICE OF ABSENCE HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE UNIVERSITY THAT DAY


THAT GIRL...
IT'S NOT THAT SHE GOT SO EMOTIONAL THAT SHE LEFT
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO LEAVE THIS AS IS?
HA! HA!
RIKA!!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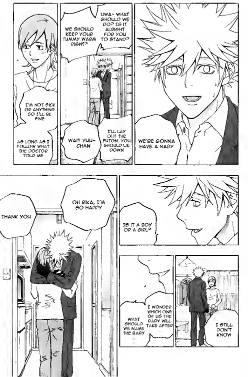
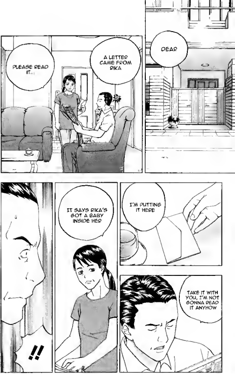
ARE YOU SURE?
HA
REALLY!?


WE'RE GONNA HAVE A BABY
UWA~ WHAT SHOULD WE DO? IS IT ALRIGHT FOR YOU TO STAND?
WE SHOULD KEEP YOUR TUMMY WARM RIGHT?
I'LL LAY OUT THE FUTON. YOU SHOULD LIE DOWN
WAIT YUU-CHAN
I'M NOT SICK OR ANYTHING SO I'LL BE FINE
AS LONG AS I FOLLOW WHAT THE DOCTOR TOLD ME
IS IT A BOY OR A GIRL?
I STILL DON'T KNOW
I WONDER WHICH ONE OF US THE BABY WILL TAKE AFTER
WHAT SHOULD WE NAME THE BABY
OH RIKA, I'M SO HAPPY
THANK YOU


DEAR
A LETTER CAME FROM RIKA
PLEASE READ IT...
I'M PUTTING IT HERE
TAKE IT WITH YOU, I'M NOT GONNA READ IT ANYHOW
IT SAYS RIKA'S GOT A BABY INSIDE HER
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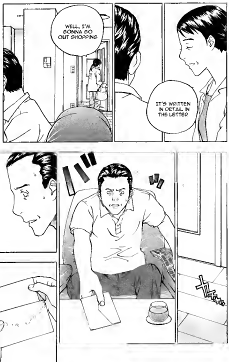
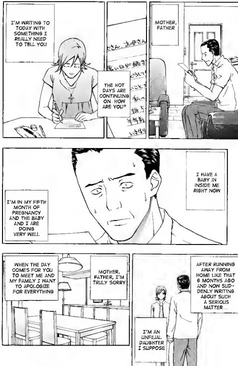
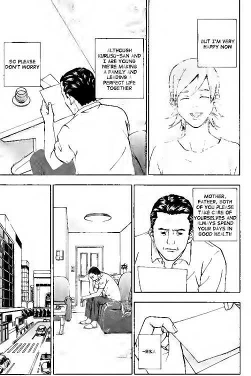
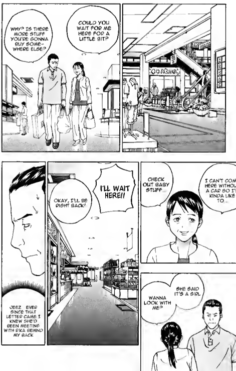
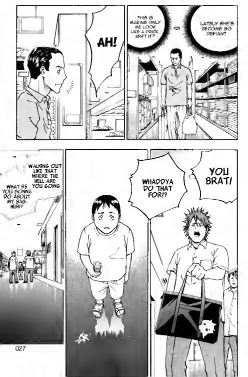
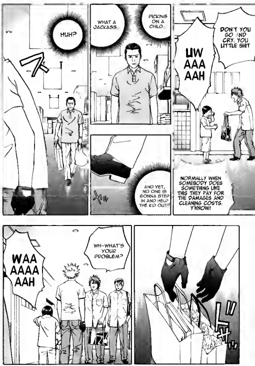

WELL, I'M GONNA GO OUT SHOPPING
IT'S WRITTEN IN DETAIL IN THE LETTER

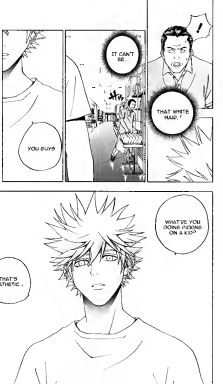

MOTHER, FATHER
THE HOT DAYS ARE CONTINUING ON. HOW ARE YOU?
I'M WRITING TO TODAY WITH SOMETHING I REALLY NEED TO TELL YOU
I HAVE A BABY IN INSIDE ME RIGHT NOW
I'M IN MY FIFTH MONTH OF PREGNANCY AND THE BABY AND I ARE DOING VERY WELL.
AFTER RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME LIKE THAT 6 MONTHS AGO AND NOW SUDDENLY WRITING ABOUT SUCH A SERIOUS MATTER...
I'M AN UNFILIAL DAUGHTER I SUPPOSE
MOTHER, FATHER, I'M TRULY SORRY
WHEN THE DAY COMES FOR YOU TO MEET ME AND MY FAMILY I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR EVERYTHING


BUT I'M VERY HAPPY NOW
ALTHOUGH KURUSU-SAN AND I ARE YOUNG WE'RE MAKING A FAMILY AND LEADING A PERFECT LIFE TOGETHER
SO PLEASE DON'T WORRY
MOTHER, FATHER, BOTH OF YOU PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES AND ALWAYS SPEND YOUR DAYS IN GOOD HEALTH
-RIKA


COACH
COULD YOU WAIT FOR ME HERE FOR A LITTLE BIT?
WHY? IS THERE MORE STUFF YOU'RE GONNA BUY SOMEWHERE ELSE?
I CAN'T COME HERE WITHOUT A CAR SO I'D KINDA LIKE TO...
CHECK OUT BABY STUFF.
SHE SAID IT'S A GIRL.
WANNA LOOK WITH ME?
I'LL WAIT HERE!!
OKAY, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
JEEZ... EVER SINCE THAT LETTER CAME I KNEW SHE'D BEEN MEETING WITH RIKA BEHIND MY BACK


LATELY SHE'S BECOME SO DEFIANT
THIS IS MAKING ONLY ME LOOK LIKE A PRICK, ISN'T IT?
AH!
YOU BRAT!
WHADDYA DO THAT FOR!?
WALKING OUT LIKE THAT WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU GOING
WHAT RE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT MY BAG HUH!?


DON'T YOU GO AND CRY, YOU LITTLE SHIT
UW AAA AAH
NORMALLY WHEN SOMEBODY DOES SOMETHING LIKE THIS THEY PAY FOR THE DAMAGES AND CLEANING COSTS, Y'KNOW!
PICKING ON A CHILD
WHAT A JACKASS
AND YET, NO ONE IS GONNA STEP IN AND HELP THE KID OUT!!
HUH?
WH-WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
WAA AAAA AAH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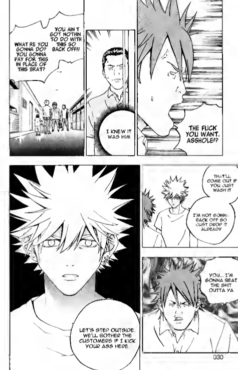
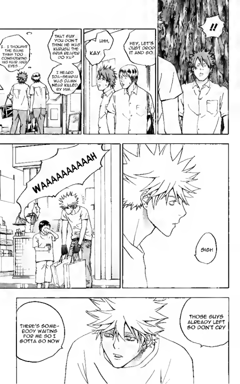
THAT WHITE HAIR!
IT CAN'T BE...
YOU GUYS
WHAT'RE YOU DOING PICKING ON A KID?
THAT'S PATHETIC.


THE FUCK YOU WANT, ASSHOLE!?
I KNEW IT WAS HIM
YOU AIN'T GOT NOTHIN TO DO WITH THIS SO BACK OFF!!
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO? YOU GONNA PAY FOR THIS IN PLACE OF THIS BRAT?
THAT'LL COME OUT IF YOU JUST WASH IT
I'M NOT GONNA BACK OFF SO JUST DROP IT ALREADY
YOU... I'M GONNA BEAT THE SHIT OUTTA YA
LET'S STEP OUTSIDE. WE'LL BOTHER THE CUSTOMERS IF I KICK YOUR ASS HERE.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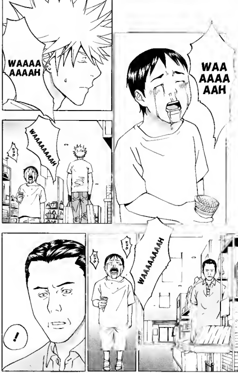
HEY, LET'S JUST DROP IT AND GO
UHH,
KAY
THAT GUY YOU DON'T THINK HE WAS KURUSU THE GRIM REAPER DO YA?
I HEARD IDA-SEMPAI WAS DAMN NEAR KILLED BY HIM
I... I THOUGHT THE SAME THING TOO... CONSIDERING HIS HAIR AND EYES...
SIGH
WAAAAAAAAAAH
THOSE GUYS ALREADY LEFT SO DON'T CRY
THERE'S SOMEBODY WAITING FOR ME SO I GOTTA GO NOW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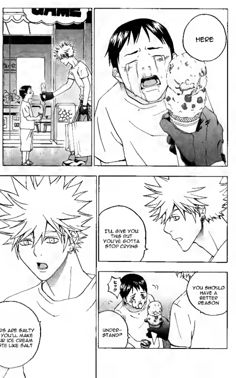
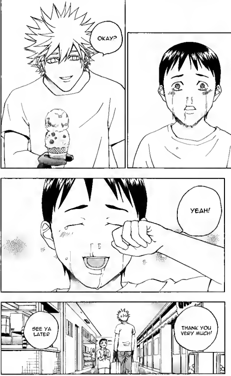
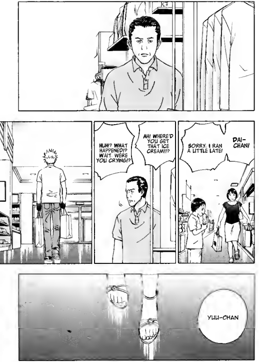
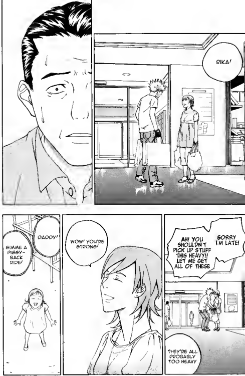
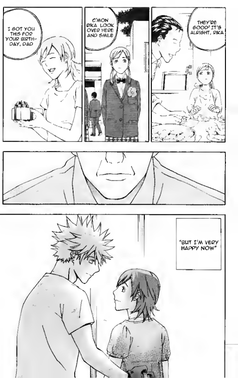
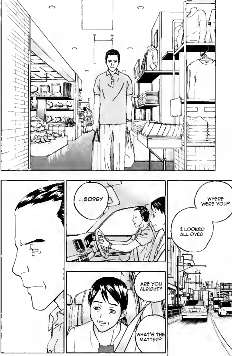

HERE
GAME
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS BUT YOU'VE GOTTA STOP CRYING
TEARS ARE SALTY SO YOU'LL MAKE YOUR ICE CREAM TASTE LIKE SALT
ヒック
YOU SHOULD HAVE A BETTER REASON
UNDERSTAND?

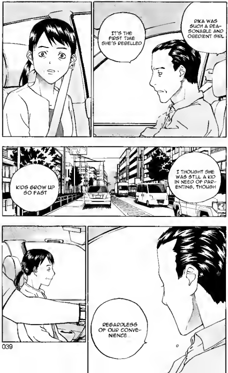

OKAY?
YEAH!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
SEE YA LATER

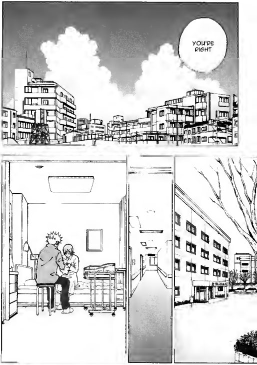

DAI-CHAN!
SORRY, I RAN A LITTLE LATE!
AH! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT ICE CREAM!?
HUH!? WHAT HAPPENED!? WAIT, WERE YOU CRYING!?
YUU-CHAN

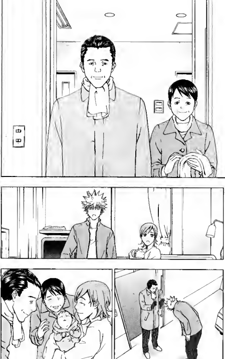

RIKA!
SORRY I'M LATE!
AH! YOU SHOULDN'T PICK UP STUFF THIS HEAVY!! LET ME GET ALL OF THESE
THEY'RE ALL PROBABLY TOO HEAVY
WOW! YOU'RE STRONG!
DADDY!
GIMME A PIGGY-BACK RIDE!

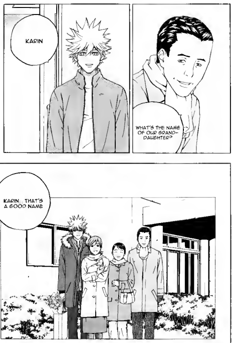

THEY'RE GOOD! IT'S ALRIGHT, RIKA
C'MON RIKA LOOK OVER HERE AND SMILE
I GOT YOU THIS FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY, DAD
"BUT I'M VERY HAPPY NOW"


WHERE WERE YOU?
I LOOKED ALL OVER
...SORRY
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?


RIKA WAS SUCH A REASONABLE AND OBEDIENT GIRL
IT'S THE FIRST TIME SHE'S REBELLED
I THOUGHT SHE WAS STILL A KID IN NEED OF PARENTING, THOUGH
KIDS GROW UP SO FAST
REGARDLESS OF OUR CONVENIENCE...

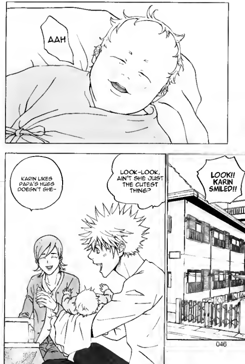

YOU'RE RIGHT

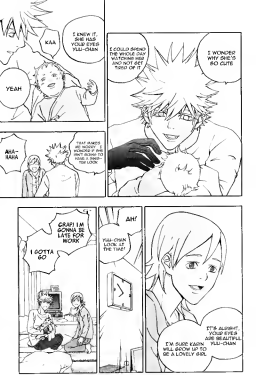


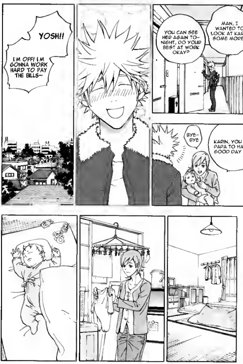

WHAT'S THE NAME OF OUR GRAND-DAUGHTER?
KARIN
KARIN THAT'S A GOOD NAME

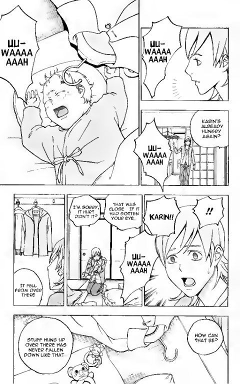
Luck
Stealer
ラック スティーラー

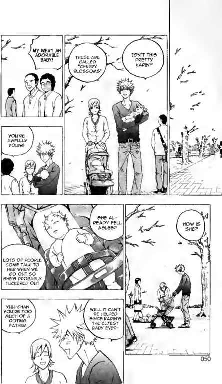
№18 THE CHAIN OF FATE

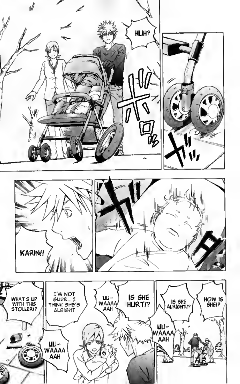

AAH
LOOK!! KARIN SMILED!!
LOOK-LOOK, AIN'T SHE JUST THE CUTEST THING?
KARIN LIKES PAPA'S HUGS DOESN'T SHE-


I WONDER WHY SHE'S SO CUTE
I COULD SPEND THE WHOLE DAY WATCHING HER AND NOT GET TIRED OF IT
I KNEW IT, SHE HAS YOUR EYES YUU-CHAN
KAA
YEAH
THAT MAKES ME WORRY I WONDER IF SHE ISN'T GOING TO HAVE A SINISTER LOOK
AHA-HAHA
IT'S ALRIGHT, YOUR EYES ARE BEAUTIFUL YUU-CHAN
I'M SURE KARIN WILL GROW UP TO BE A LOVELY GIRL
AH!
YUU-CHAN LOOK AT THE TIME!
CRAP! I'M GONNA BE LATE FOR WORK
I GOTTA GO


MAN, I WANTED TO LOOK AT KARIN SOME MORE~
YOU CAN SEE HER AGAIN TO-NIGHT, DO YOUR BEST AT WORK OKAY?
KARIN, YOU TELL PAPA TO HAVE A GOOD DAY TOO
BYE-BYE
YOSH!!
I'M OFF! I'M GONNA WORK HARD TO PAY THE BILLS~


UU-WAAAA AAAH
KARIN'S ALREADY HUNGRY AGAIN?
UU-WAAAA AAAH
UU-WAAAA AAAH
!!
KARIN!!
UU-WAAAA AAAH
THAT WAS CLOSE. IF IT HAD GOTTEN YOUR EYE...
I'M SORRY, IT HURT DIDN'T IT?
IT FELL FROM OVER THERE
HOW CAN THAT BE?
STUFF HUNG UP OVER THERE HAS NEVER FALLEN DOWN LIKE THAT


ISN'T THIS PRETTY KARIN?
THESE ARE CALLED "CHERRY BLOSSOMS"
MY WHAT AN ADORABLE BABY!
YOU'RE AWFULLY YOUNG
HOW IS SHE?
SHE ALREADY FELL ASLEEP
LOTS OF PEOPLE COME TALK TO HER WHEN WE GO OUT SO SHE'S PROBABLY TUCKERED OUT
WELL IT CAN'T BE HELPED SINCE KARIN'S THE CUTEST BABY EVER-
YUU-CHAN YOU'RE TOO MUCH OF A DOTING FATHER


HUH?
ボロッ
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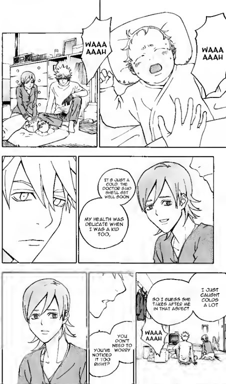
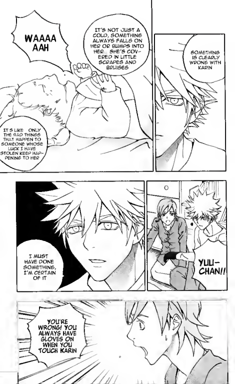
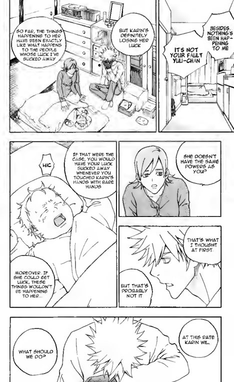
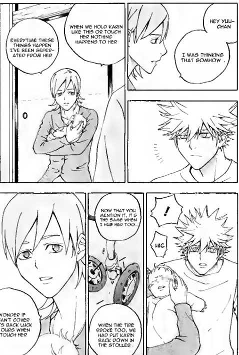
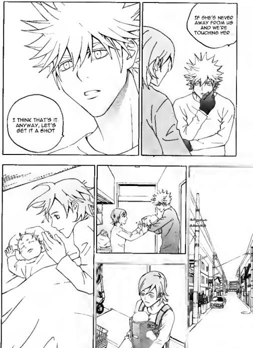
KARIN!!
HOW IS SHE!?
IS SHE ALRIGHT!?
UU-WAAAAAAH
IS SHE HURT!?
UU-WAAAAAAH
I'M NOT SURE.. I THINK SHE'S ALRIGHT
UU-WAAAAAAH
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS STOLLER!?

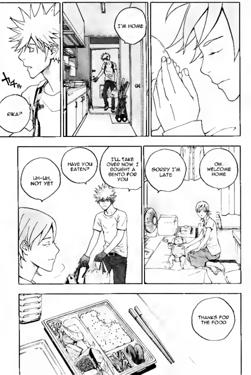

WAAA AAAH
WAAA AAAH
IT'S JUST A COLD. THE DOCTOR SAID SHE'LL GET WELL SOON
MY HEALTH WAS DELICATE WHEN I WAS A KID TOO,
I JUST CAUGHT COLDS A LOT
SO I GUESS SHE TAKES AFTER ME IN THAT ASPECT
WAAA AAAH
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY
YOU'VE NOTICED IT TOO RIGHT?

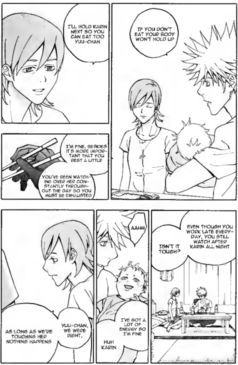

SOMETHING IS CLEARLY WRONG WITH KARIN
IT'S NOT JUST A COLD, SOMETHING ALWAYS FALLS ON HER OR BUMPS INTO HER... SHE'S COVERED IN LITTLE SCRAPES AND BRUISES
WAAAA AAH
IT S LIKE ONLY THE BAD THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO SOMEONE WHOSE LUCK I HAVE STOLEN KEEP HAPPENING TO HER
YUU-CHAN!!
I MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING, I'M CERTAIN OF IT
YOU'RE WRONG! YOU ALWAYS HAVE GLOVES ON WHEN YOU TOUCH KARIN

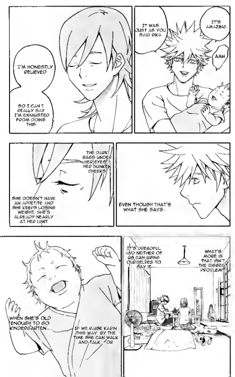

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT YUU-CHAN
BESIDES, NOTHING'S BEEN HAPPENING TO ME
BUT KARIN'S DEFINITELY LOSING HER LUCK
SO FAR, THE THINGS HAPPENING TO HER HAVE BEEN EXACTLY LIKE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PEOPLE WHOSE LUCK I'VE SUCKED AWAY
SHE DOESN'T HAVE THE SAME POWERS AS YOU?
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT AT FIRST
BUT THAT'S PROBABLY NOT IT
IF THAT WERE THE CASE, YOU WOULD HAVE YOUR LUCK SUCKED AWAY WHENEVER YOU TOUCHED KARIN'S HANDS WITH BARE HANDS
HIC
MOREOVER, IF SHE COULD GET LUCK, THESE THINGS WOULDN'T BE HAPPENING TO HER...
AT THIS RATE KARIN WIL.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

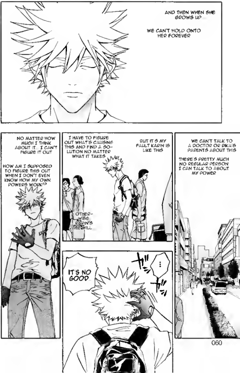

HEY YUU-CHAN
I WAS THINKING THAT SOMHOW .
WHEN WE HOLD KARIN LIKE THIS OR TOUCH HER NOTHING HAPPENS TO HER
EVERYTIME THESE THINGS HAPPEN I'VE BEEN SEPERATED FROM HER
!
HIC
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, IT S THE SAME WHEN I HUG HER TOO...
WHEN THE TIRE BROKE TOO, WE HAD PUT KARIN BACK DOWN IN THE STOLLER...
I WONDER IF WE CAN'T COVER KARIN'S BACK LUCK WITH OURS WHEN WE TOUCH HER


IF SHE'S NEVER AWAY FROM US AND WE'RE TOUCHING HER
I THINK THAT'S IT ANYWAY, LET'S GET IT A SHOT


I'M HOME
ヤチッ
RIKA?
OH WELCOME HOME
SORRY I'M LATE
I'LL TAKE OVER NOW. I BOUGHT A BENTO FOR YOU
HAVE YOU EATEN?
UH-UH, NOT YET
THANKS FOR THE FOOD


IF YOU DON'T EAT YOUR BODY WON'T HOLD UP
I'LL HOLD KARIN NEXT SO YOU CAN EAT TOO YUU-CHAN
I'M FINE, BESIDES IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAT YOU REST A LITTLE
YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING OVER HER CONSTANTLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY SO YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED
EVEN THOUGH YOU WORK LATE EVERYDAY, YOU STILL WATCH AFTER KARIN ALL NIGHT
ISN'T IT TOUGH?
AAHH
I'VE GOT A LOT OF ENERGY SO I'M FINE
HUH KARIN
YUU-CHAN, WE WERE RIGHT,
AS LONG AS WE'RE TOUCHING HER NOTHING HAPPENS


IT'S AMAZING
AAH
IT WAS JUST AS YOU SAID RIKA
I'M HONESTLY RELIEVED
SO I CAN'T REALLY SAY I'M EXHAUSTED FROM DOING THIS
EVEN THOUGH THAT'S WHAT SHE SAYS
THE DARK BAGS UNDER HER EYES, HER SUNKEN CHEEKS
SHE DOESN'T HAVE AN APPETITE AND SHE KEEPS LOSING WEIGHT. SHE'S ALREADY NEARLY AT HER LIMIT
WHAT'S MORE IS THAT ISN'T THE BIGGEST PROBLEM
IT'S DREADFUL AND NEITHER OF US CAN BRING OURSELVES TO SAY IT
IF WE RAISE KARIN THIS WAY BY THE TIME SHE CAN WALK AND TALK OR
WHEN SHE'S OLD ENOUGH TO GO KINDERGARTEN


AND THEN WHEN SHE GROWS UP
WE CAN'T HOLD ONTO HER FOREVER
WE CAN'T TALK TO A DOCTOR OR RIKA'S PARENTS ABOUT THIS
THERE'S PRETTY MUCH NO REGULAR PERSON I CAN TALK TO ABOUT MY POWER
BUT IT'S MY FAULT KARIN IS LIKE THIS
I HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S CAUSING THIS AND FIND A SOLUTION NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES
OTHERWISE KARIN'S LIFE WILL
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I THINK ABOUT IT I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FIGURE THIS OUT WHEN I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW MY OWN POWERS WORK!?
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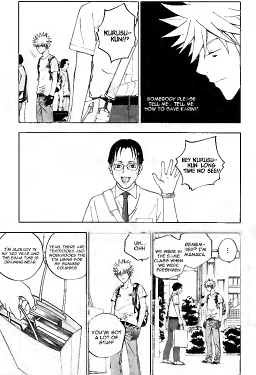
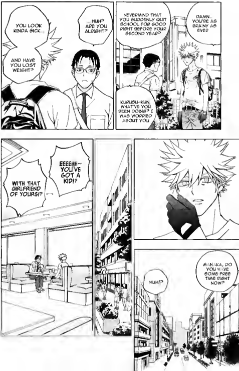
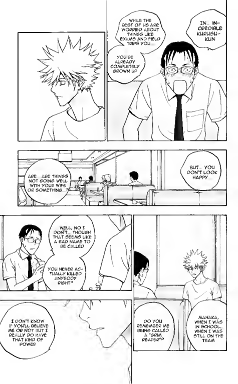
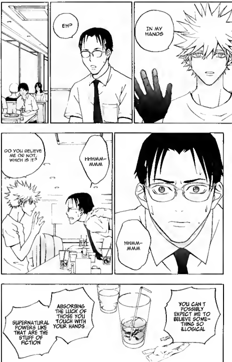
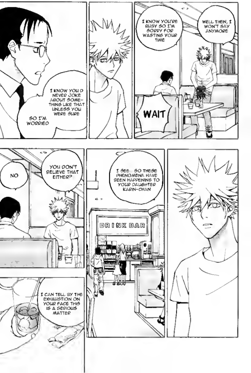
IT'S NO GOOD

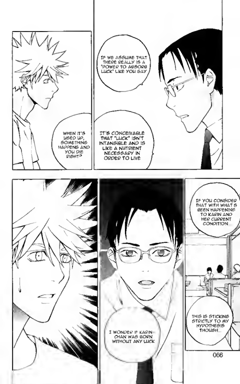

SOMEBODY PLEASE TELL ME... TELL ME HOW TO SAVE KARIN!!
KURUSU-KUN!?
HEY KURUSU-KUN LONG TIME NO SEE!!
...
REMEMBER? I'M MANAKA.
WE WERE IN THE SAME CLASS WHEN WE WERE FRESHMEN
UH... OHH
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF STUFF
YEAH. THERE ARE TEXTBOOKS AND WORKBOOKS THE I'M USING FOR MY SUMMER COURSES
I'M ALREADY IN MY 3RD YEAR AND THE EXAM TIME IS DRAWING NEAR

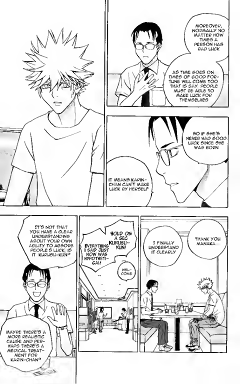

DAMN... YOU'RE AS BRAINY AS EVER
NEVERMIND THAT YOU SUDDENLY QUIT SCHOOL FOR GOOD RIGHT BEFORE YOUR SECOND YEAR?
KURUSU-KUN, WHAT'VE YOU BEEN DOING? I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU
...HUH? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YOU LOOK KINDA SICK...
AND HAVE YOU LOST WEIGHT?
MANAKA, DO YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME RIGHT NOW?
HUH!?
EEEEHH~ YOU'VE GOT A KID!?
WITH THAT GIRLFRIEND OF YOURS!?

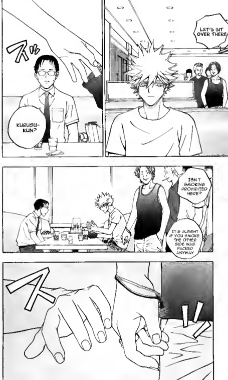

IN... INCREDIBLE KURUSU-KUN
WHILE THE REST OF US ARE WORRIED ABOUT THINGS LIKE EXAMS AND FIELD TRIPS YOU...
YOU'RE ALREADY COMPLETELY GROWN UP
BUT... YOU DON'T LOOK HAPPY
ARE... ARE THINGS NOT GOING WELL WITH YOUR WIFE OR SOMETHING...?
MANAKA, WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL... WHEN I WAS STILL ON THE TEAM
DO YOU REMEMBER ME BEING CALLED A "GRIM REAPER"?
WELL, NO I DON'T... THOUGH THAT SEEMS LIKE A BAD NAME TO BE CALLED
YOU NEVER ACTUALLY KILLED ANYBODY RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'LL BELIEVE ME OR NOT BUT I REALLY DO HAVE THAT KIND OF POWER


IN MY HANDS
EH?
HHMMM-MMM
DO YOU BELIEVE ME OR NOT, WHICH IS IT?
HHHMM-MMM
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE SOMETHING SO ILLOGICAL
ABSORBING THE LUCK OF THOSE YOU TOUCH WITH YOUR HANDS
SUPERNATURAL POWERS LIKE THAT ARE THE STUFF OF FICTION


I KNOW YOU'D NEVER JOKE ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT UNLESS YOU WERE SURE
SO I'M WORRIED
I KNOW YOU'RE BUSY SO I'M SORRY FOR WASTING YOUR TIME
WELL THEN, I WON'T SAY ANYMORE
WAIT
YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT EITHER?
NO
I CAN TELL BY THE EXHAUSTION ON YOUR FACE THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER
I SEE.. SO THESE PHENOMENA HAVE BEEN HAPPENING TO YOUR DAUGHTER KARIN-CHAN
DRINK BAR


IF WE ASSUME THAT THERE REALLY IS A "POWER TO ABSORB LUCK" LIKE YOU SAY
IT'S CONCEIVABLE THAT "LUCK" ISN'T INTANGIBLE AND IS LIKE A NUTRIENT NECESSARY IN ORDER TO LIVE
WHEN IT'S USED UP, SOMETHING HAPPENS AND YOU DIE RIGHT?
IF YOU CONSIDER THAT WITH WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING TO KARIN AND HER CURRENT CONDITION...
THIS IS STICKING STRICTLY TO MY HYPOTHESIS THOUGH...
I WONDER IF KARIN-CHAN WAS BORN WITHOUT ANY LUCK


MOREOVER, NORMALLY NO MATTER HOW TIMES A PERSON HAS BAD LUCK
AS TIME GOES ON TIMES OF GOOD FORTUNE WILL COME TOO THAT IS SAY, PEOPLE MUST BE ABLE TO MAKE LUCK FOR THEMSELVES
SO IF SHE'S NEVER HAD GOOD LUCK SINCE SHE WAS BORN
IT MEANS KARIN-CHAN CAN'T MAKE LUCK BY HERSELF
THANK YOU MANAKA
I FINALLY UNDERSTAND IT CLEARLY
HOLD ON A SEC KURUSU-KUN!
EVERYTHING I SAID JUST NOW WAS HYPOTHETICAL!
WELCOME
IT'S NOT THAT YOU HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT YOUR OWN ABILITY TO ABSORB PEOPLE'S LUCK, IS IT KURUSU-KUN?
MAYBE THERE'S A MORE REALISTIC CAUSE AND PERHAPS THERE'S A MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR KARIN-CHAN?


LET'S SIT OVER THERE
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KURUSU-KUN?
ISN'T SMOKING PROHIBITED HERE?
IT'S ALRIGHT IF YOU SMOKE THE OTHER SIDE WAS PACKED ANYWAY
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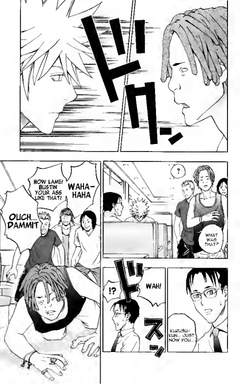
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?
WHAT WAS THAT?
KURUSU-KUN... JUST NOW YOU...
WAH!
!?
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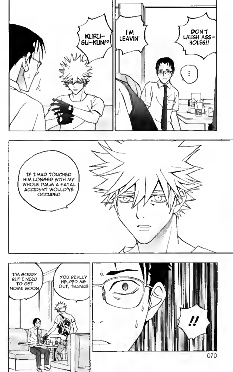
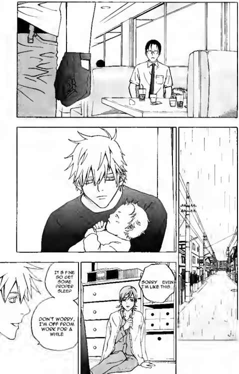
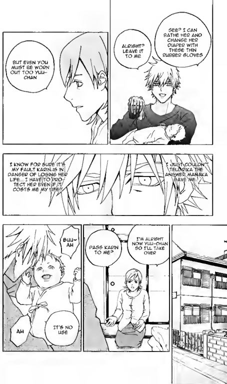
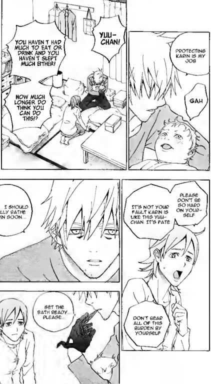
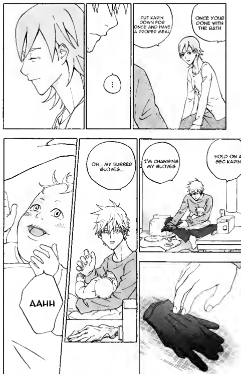
HOW LAME! BUSTIN' YOUR ASS LIKE THAT!
WAHA-HAHA
OUCH... DAMMIT

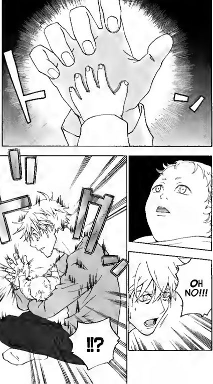

DON T LAUGH ASS-HOLES!!
:
I M LEAVIN'
KURU-SU-KUN!?
IF I HAD TOUCHED HIM LONGER WITH MY WHOLE PALM A FATAL ACCIDENT WOULD'VE OCCURED
!!
YOU REALLY HELPED ME OUT, THANKS
I'M SORRY BUT I NEED TO GET HOME SOON


SORRY EVEN I'M LIKE THIS.
IT'S FINE SO GET SOME PROPER SLEEP
DON'T WORRY, I'M OFF FROM WORK FOR A WHILE


SEE? I CAN BATHE HER AND CHANGE HER DIAPER WITH THESE THIN RUBBER GLOVES
ALRIGHT? LEAVE IT TO ME
BUT EVEN YOU MUST BE WORN OUT TOO YUU-CHAN
I JUST COULDN'T TELL RIKA THE ANSWER MANAKA GAVE ME
I KNOW FOR SURE IT'S MY FAULT KARIN IS IN DANGER OF LOSING HER LIFE... I HAVE TO PROTECT HER EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE!!
I'M ALRIGHT NOW YUU-CHAN SO I'LL TAKE OVER
PASS KARIN TO ME?
BUU-AH
IT'S NO USE
AH


YUU-CHAN!
YOU HAVEN'T HAD MUCH TO EAT OR DRINK AND YOU HAVEN'T SLEPT MUCH EITHER!
HOW MUCH LONGER DO THINK YOU CAN DO THIS!?
PROTECTING KARIN IS MY JOB
GAH
RIKA I SHOULD REALLY BATHE KARIN SOON...
PLEASE DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT KARIN IS LIKE THIS YUU-CHAN. IT'S FATE
DON'T BEAR ALL OF THIS BURDEN BY YOURSELF
GET THE BATH READY PLEASE...


ONCE YOUR DONE WITH THE BATH
PUT KARIN DOWN FOR ONCE AND HAVE A PROPER MEAL
...
HOLD ON A SEC KARIN
I'M CHANGING MY GLOVES
OH... MY RUBBER GLOVES...
AAHH


OH NO!!!
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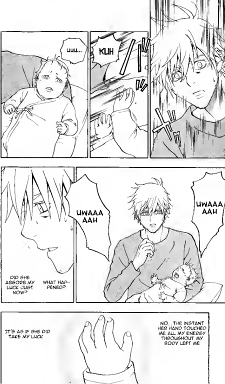
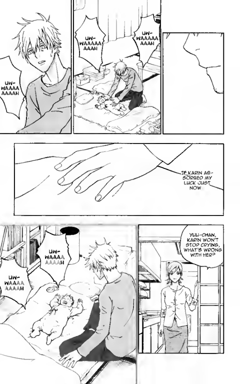
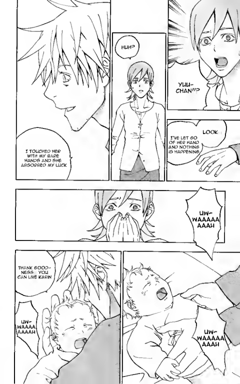
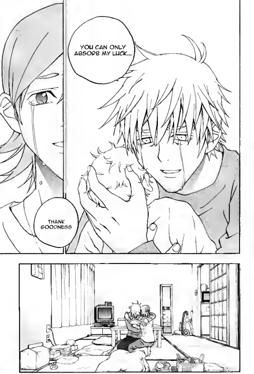

KUH
uuu...
UWAAA AAH
UWAAA AAH
WHAT HAPPENED?
DID SHE ABSORB MY LUCK JUST NOW?
NO... THE INSTANT HER HAND TOUCHED ME ALL MY ENERGY THROUGHOUT MY BODY LEFT ME
IT'S AS IF SHE DID TAKE MY LUCK


UW-WAAAAA AAAH
UW-WAAAAAA AAAH
UW-WAAAA AAAAH
IF KARIN ABSORBED MY LUCK JUST NOW
YULI-CHAN, KARIN WON'T STOP CRYING, WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?
UW-WAAAA AAAAH
UW-WAAAA AAAAH


YUU-CHAN!?
HUH?
I TOUCHED HER WITH MY BARE HANDS AND SHE ABSORBED MY LUCK
LOOK
I'VE LET GO OF HER HAND AND NOTHING IS HAPPENING
UW-WAAAAA AAAH
UW-WAAAAA AAAH
THANK GOOD-NESS YOU CAN LIVE KARIN
UW-WAAAA AAAAH


YOU CAN ONLY ABSORB MY LUCK...
THANK GOODNESS

Luck Stealer

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The Choice of Life

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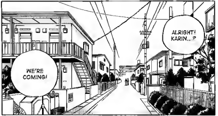
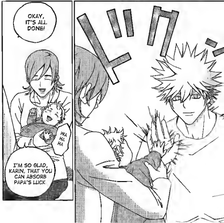

ALRIGHT! KARIN..?
WE'RE COMING!

SFX *THUMP*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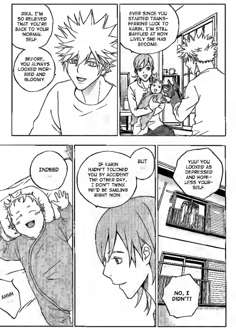
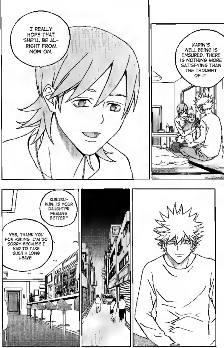
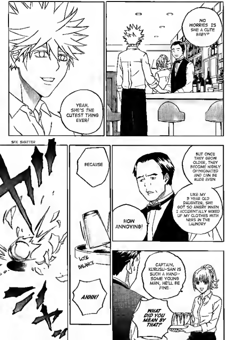
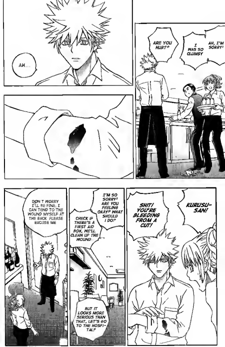
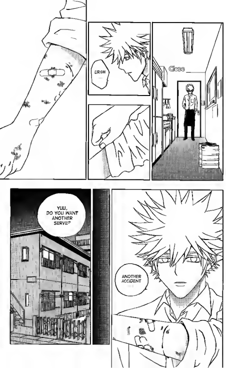
OKAY, IT'S ALL DONE!
WA HA HA
I'M SO GLAD, KARIN, THAT YOU CAN ABSORB PAPA'S LUCK


RIKA, I'M SO RELIEVED THAT YOU'RE BACK TO YOUR NORMAL SELF.
BEFORE, YOU ALWAYS LOOKED WORRIED AND GLOOMY.
EVER SINCE YUU STARTED TRANSFERRING LUCK TO KARIN, I'M STILL BAFFLED AT HOW LIVELY SHE HAS BECOME.
INDEED
AHHH
BUT
IF KARIN HADN'T TOUCHED YOU BY ACCIDENT THE OTHER DAY, I DON'T THINK WE'D BE SMILING RIGHT NOW.
YUU! YOU LOOKED AS DEPRESSED AND HOPELESS YOURSELF.
NO, I DIDN'T!


I REALLY HOPE THAT SHE'LL BE ALRIGHT FROM NOW ON.
KARIN'S WELL BEING IS ENSURED, THERE IS NOTHING MORE SATISFYING THAN THE THOUGHT OF IT
KURUSU-KUN, IS YOUR DAUGHTER FEELING BETTER?
YES, THANK YOU FOR ASKING. I'M SO SORRY BECAUSE I HAD TO TAKE SUCH A LONG LEAVE


NO WORRIES IS SHE A CUTE BABY?
YEAH, SHE'S THE CUTEST THING EVER!
BUT ONCE THEY GROW OLDER, THEY BECOME HIGHLY OPINIONATED AND CAN BE RUDE EVEN
LIKE MY 3 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, SHE GOT SO ANGRY WHEN I ACCIDENTALLY MIXED UP MY CLOTHES WITH HERS IN THE LAUNDRY
HOW ANNOYING!
BECAUSE
LOSE BALANCE
AHHH!
CAPTAIN, KURUSU-SAN IS SUCH A HANDSOME YOUNG MAN, HE'LL BE FINE
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?
SFX SHATTER


AH, I'M SORRY!
I WAS SO CLUMSY
ARE YOU HURT?
AH...
KURUSU-SAN!
SHIT! YOU'RE BLEEDING FROM A CUT!
I'M SO SORRY! ARE YOU FEELING OKAY? WHAT SHOULD I DO?
CHECK IF THERE'S A FIRST AID BOX, WE'LL CLEAN UP THE WOUND
BUT IT LOOKS MORE SERIOUS THAN THAT, LET'S GO TO THE HOSPITAL?
DON T WORRY I'LL BE FINE. I CAN TEND TO THE WOUND MYSELF AT THE BACK PLEASE EXCUSE ME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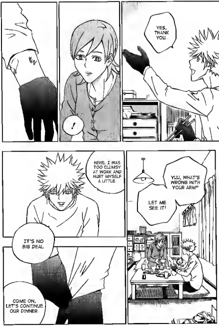
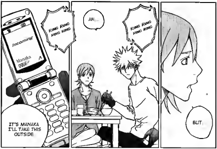
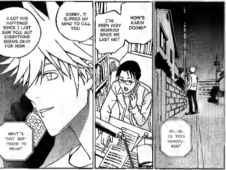
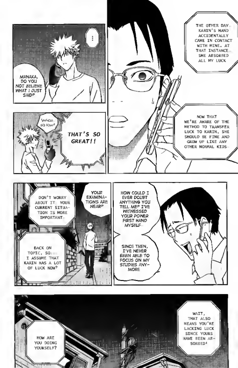
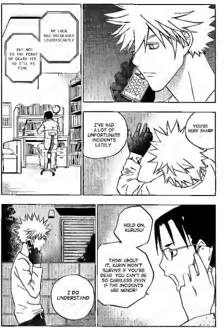
URGH
ANOTHER ACCIDENT
YUU, DO YOU WANT ANOTHER SERVE?

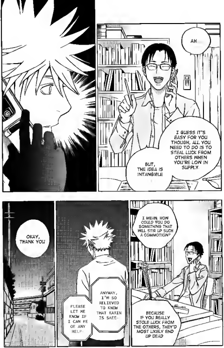

YES, THANK YOU.
!
YUU, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR ARM?
LET ME SEE IT!
HEHE, I WAS TOO CLUMSY AT WORK AND HURT MYSELF A LITTLE.
IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
COME ON, LET'S CONTINUE OUR DINNER.

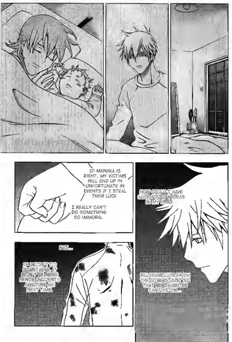

BUT...
RING RING RING RING
AH...
RING RING RING RING
Incoming
Manaka
IT'S MANAKA I'LL TAKE THIS OUTSIDE

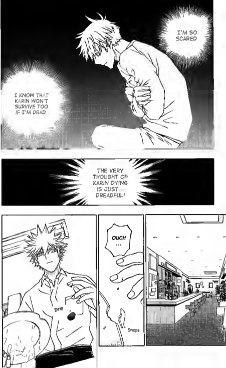

HELLO. IS THIS KURUSU-KUN?
HOW'S KARIN DOING?
I'VE BEEN VERY WORRIED SINCE WE LAST MET
SORRY, IT SLIPPED MY MIND TO CALL YOU.
A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE I LAST SAW YOU. BUT EVERYTHING SEEMS OKAY FOR NOW.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

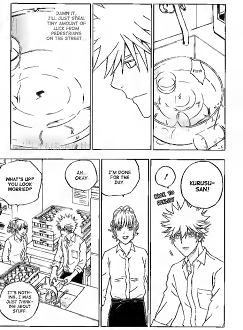

THE OTHER DAY, KARIN'S HAND ACCIDENTALLY CAME IN CONTACT WITH MINE. AT THAT INSTANCE, SHE ABSORBED ALL MY LUCK
NOW THAT WE'RE AWARE OF THE METHOD TO TRANSFER LUCK TO KARIN, SHE SHOULD BE FINE AND GROW UP LIKE ANY OTHER NORMAL KIDS.
...
MANAKA, DO YOU NOT BELIEVE WHAT I JUST SAID?
THAT'S SO GREAT!!
Whoa so loud!!
HOW COULD I EVER DOUBT ANYTHING YOU TELL ME? I'VE WITNESSED YOUR POWER FIRST HAND MYSELF...
SINCE THEN, I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FOCUS ON MY STUDIES ANYMORE.
YOUR EXAMINATIONS ARE NEAR?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. YOUR CURRENT SITUATION IS MORE IMPORTANT...
BACK ON TOPIC, SO... I ASSUME THAT KARIN HAS A LOT OF LUCK NOW?
WAIT, THAT ALSO MEANS YOU'RE LACKING LUCK SINCE YOURS HAVE BEEN ABSORBED!
HOW ARE YOU DOING YOURSELF?

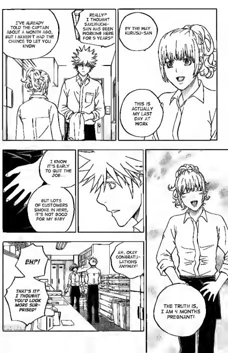

YOU'RE VERY SHARP
I'VE HAD A LOT OF UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS LATELY.
MY LUCK HAS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY
BUT NOT TO THE POINT OF DEATH YET, SO I'LL BE FINE
HOLD ON, KURUSU!
THINK ABOUT IT, KARIN WON'T SURVIVE IF YOU'RE DEAD. YOU CAN'T BE SO CARELESS EVEN IF THE INCIDENTS ARE MINOR!
I DO UNDERSTAND

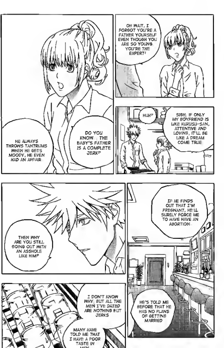

AH
I GUESS IT'S EASY FOR YOU THOUGH, ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TO STEAL LUCK FROM OTHERS WHEN YOU'RE LOW IN SUPPLY
BUT, THE IDEA IS INTANGIBLE
I MEAN, HOW COULD YOU DO SOMETHING THAT WILL STIR UP SUCH A COMMOTION?
BECAUSE IF YOU REALLY STOLE LUCK FROM THE OTHERS, THEY'D MOST LIKELY END UP DEAD
ANYWAY, I'M SO RELIEVED TO KNOW THAT KARIN IS SAFE-
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF I CAN BE OF ANY HELP
OKAY, THANK YOU

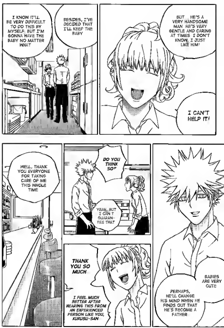

HOW COULD I HAVE SUCH FOOLISH IDEAS IN MY HEAD
PILLAGING LUCK FROM THE OTHERS JUST SO THAT MY DAUGHTER CAN LIVE ON...
IF MANAKA IS RIGHT, MY VICTIMS WILL END UP IN UNFORTUNATE IN EVENTS IF I STEAL THEIR LUCK
I REALLY CAN'T DO SOMETHING SO IMMORAL
BUT...
...IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING, IT WON'T BE MERE MINOR INCIDENTS AWAITING ME NEXT TIME

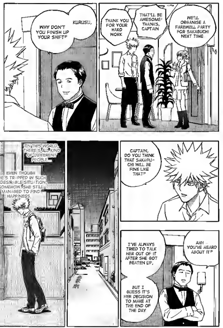

I'M SO SCARED
I KNOW THAT KARIN WON'T SURVIVE TOO IF I'M DEAD...
THE VERY THOUGHT OF KARIN DYING IS JUST DREADFUL!
OUCH ...
Snaps
Drip

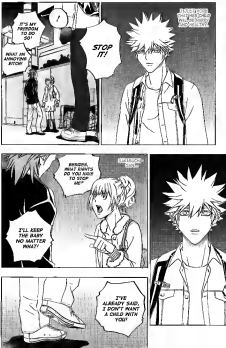

Psssh
DAMN IT, I'LL JUST STEAL TINY AMOUNT OF LUCK FROM PEDESTRIANS ON THE STREET
!
KURUSU-SAN!
BACK TO REALITY
I'M DONE FOR THE DAY
AH OKAY
WHAT'S UP? YOU LOOK WORRIED?
IT'S NOTHING, I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT STUFF.

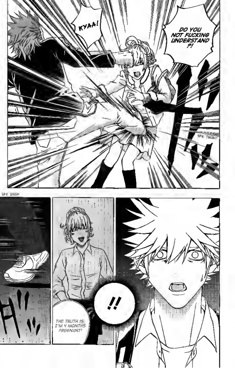

BY THE WAY KURUSU-SAN
THIS IS ACTUALLY MY LAST DAY AT WORK
REALLY? I THOUGHT SAKUGUCHI-SAN HAS BEEN WORKING HERE FOR 5 YEARS?
I'VE ALREADY TOLD THE CAPTAIN ABOUT A MONTH AGO, BUT I HAVEN'T HAD THE CHANCE TO LET YOU KNOW
THE TRUTH IS, I AM 4 MONTHS PREGNANT!
I KNOW IT'S EARLY TO QUIT THE JOB...
BUT LOTS OF CUSTOMERS SMOKE IN HERE, IT'S NOT GOOD FOR MY BABY
AH, OKAY CONGRATULATIONS ANYWAY!
EH?!
THAT'S IT? I THOUGHT YOU'D LOOK MORE SURPRISED!


OH WAIT, I FORGOT YOU'RE A FATHER YOURSELF EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE SO YOUNG YOU'RE THE EXPERT!
SIGH, IF ONLY MY BOYFRIEND IS LIKE KURUSU-SAN, ATTENTIVE AND LOVING, IT'LL BE LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE
HUH?
DO YOU KNOW... THE BABY'S FATHER IS A COMPLETE JERK?
HE ALWAYS THROWS TANTRUMS WHEN HE GETS MOODY, HE EVEN HAD AN AFFAIR.
IF HE FINDS OUT THAT I'M PREGNANT, HE'LL SURELY FORCE ME TO HAVE HAVE AN ABORTION.
HE'S TOLD ME BEFORE THAT HE HAS NO PLANS OF GETTING MARRIED
THEN WHY ARE YOU STILL GOING OUT WITH AN ASSHOLE LIKE HIM?
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT ALL THE MEN I'VE DATED ARE NOTHING BUT JERKS
MANY HAVE TOLD ME THAT I HAVE A POOR TASTE IN MEN


BUT HE'S A VERY HANDSOME MAN. HE'S VERY GENTLE AND CARING AT TIMES. I DON'T KNOW, I JUST LIKE HIM!
I CAN'T HELP IT!
BESIDES, I'VE DECIDED THAT I'LL KEEP THE BABY
I KNOW IT'LL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO DO THIS BY MYSELF, BUT I'M GONNA HAVE THE BABY NO MATTER WHAT
BABIES ARE VERY CUTE
PERHAPS, HE'LL CHANGE HIS MIND WHEN HE FINDS OUT THAT HE'S BECOME A FATHER
DO YOU THINK SO?
YEAH, BUT I CAN'T GUARANTEE THAT
THANK YOU SO MUCH
I FEEL MUCH BETTER AFTER HEARING THIS FROM AN EXPERIENCED PERSON LIKE YOU, KURUSU-SAN
WELL, THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR TAKING CARE OF ME THIS WHOLE TIME


WE'LL ORGANISE A FAREWELL PARTY FOR SAKAGUCHI NEXT TIME
THAT'LL BE AWESOME! THANKS, CAPTAIN
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK
KURUSU,
WHY DON'T YOU FINISH UP YOUR SHIFT?
CAPTAIN, DO YOU THINK THAT SAKAGUCHI WILL BE FINE LIKE THAT?
AHH YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT IT?
I'VE ALWAYS TRIED TO TALK HER OUT OF IT AFTER SHE GOT BEATEN UP,
BUT I GUESS IT'S HER DECISION TO MAKE AT THE END OF THE DAY
IN THIS WORLD, THERE'S ALL KIND OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE.
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S TRAPPED IN SUCH UNDESIRABLE SITUATION, SOMEHOW SHE STILL MANAGED TO FIND HAPPINESS.


I JUST HOPE THAT HER CHILD WILL BE HAPPY AND HEALTHY.
STOP IT!
!
IT'S MY FREEDOM TO DO SO!
WHAT AN ANNOYING BITCH!
SAKAGUCHI-SAN
BESIDES, WHAT RIGHTS DO YOU HAVE TO STOP ME?
I'LL KEEP THE BABY NO MATTER WHAT!
I'VE ALREADY SAID, I DON'T WANT A CHILD WITH YOU!


DO YOU NOT FUCKING UNDERSTAND ?!
KYAA!
SFX: THUM
SFX DASH
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THE TRUTH IS, I'M 4 MONTHS PREGNANT!

SFX: GRABS
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SFX: WHACK
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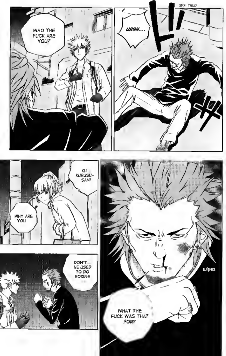
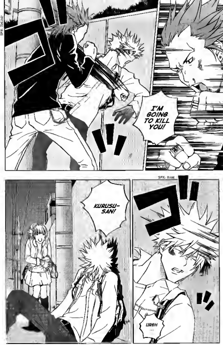
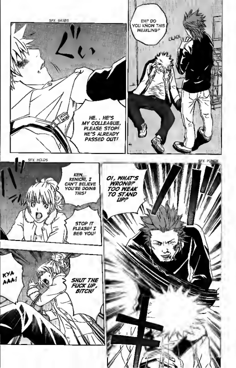
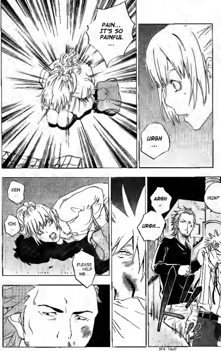
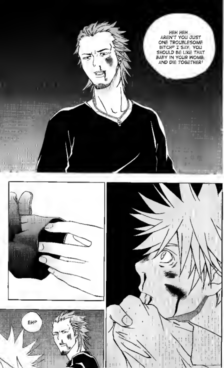

SFX THUD
URGH...
WHO THE FUCK ARE YOU?
wipes
WHAT THE FUCK WAS THAT FOR?
KU KURUSU-SAN!
WHY ARE YOU
DON'T... HE USED TO DO BOXING

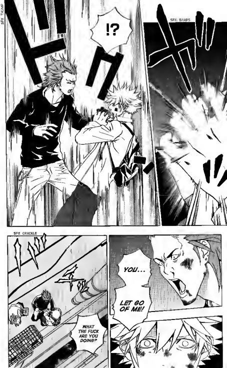

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
SFX: THUMP
SFX: BAM
URGH ...
KURUSU-SAN!

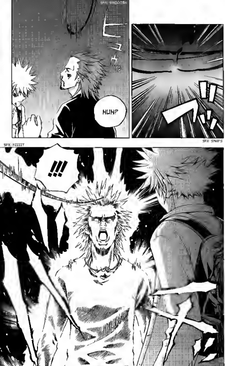

EH? DO YOU KNOW THIS WEAKLING?
CRACK
SFX GRABS
HE. . HE'S MY COLLEAGUE, PLEASE STOP! HE'S ALREADY PASSED OUT!
SFX PUNCH
OI, WHAT'S WRONG? TOO WEAK TO STAND UP?
SFX HOLDS
KEN KENICHI, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE DOING THIS!
STOP IT PLEASE! I BEG YOU!
KYA AAA!
SHUT THE FUCK UP, BITCH!


URGH ...
PAIN... IT'S SO PAINFUL ...
HUH?
ARGH
URGH...
KEN
ICHI
PLEASE HELP ME

SFX: THUD


HEH HEH... AREN'T YOU JUST ONE TROUBLESOME BITCH? I SAY, YOU SHOULD BE LIKE THAT BABY IN YOUR WOMB, AND DIE TOGETHER!
EH?


SFX: GRABS
SFX THUMP
!?
YOU...
LET GO OF ME!
SFX CRACKLE
WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU DOING?


SFX: SWOOOSH
HUH?
SFX: SNAPS
SFX: HZZZZT
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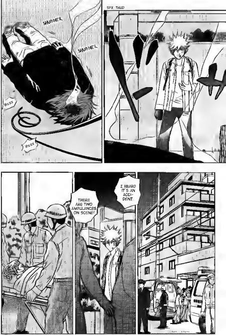
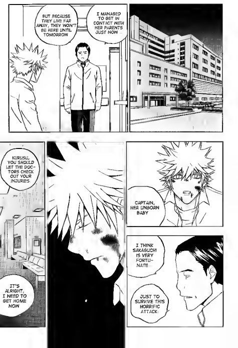
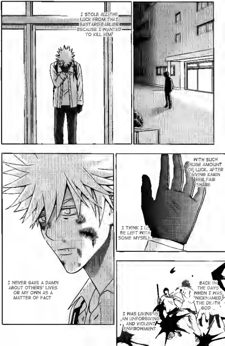
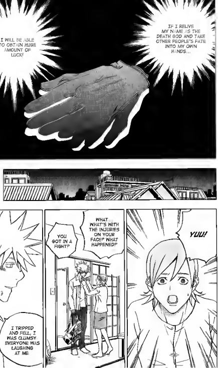
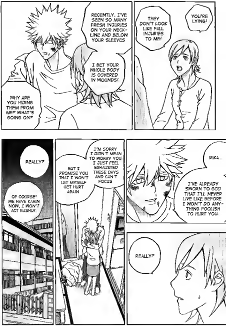
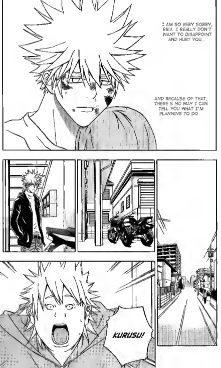

SFX THUD
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
BZZZ
BZZZ
I HEARD IT'S AN ACCI-DENT
THERE ARE TWO AMBULANCES ON SCENE!

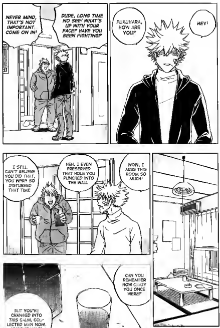

I MANAGED TO GET IN CONTACT WITH HER PARENTS JUST NOW
BUT BECAUSE THEY LIVE FAR AWAY, THEY WON'T BE HERE UNTIL TOMORROW
CAPTAIN, HER UNBORN BABY
I THINK SAKAGUCHI IS VERY FORTUNATE
JUST TO SURVIVE THIS HORRIFIC ATTACK.
KURUSU, YOU SHOULD LET THE DOCTORS CHECK OUT YOUR INJURIES
IT'S ALRIGHT, I NEED TO GET HOME NOW

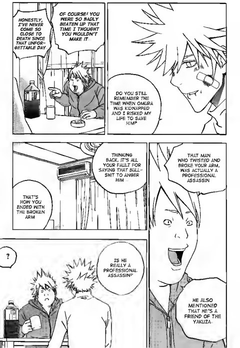

I STOLE ALL THE LUCK FROM THAT BASTARD EARLIER BECAUSE I WANTED TO KILL HIM!
WITH SUCH HUGE AMOUNT OF LUCK, AFTER GIVING KARIN HER FAIR SHARE
I THINK I'LL BE LEFT WITH SOME MYSELF.
I NEVER GAVE A DAMN ABOUT OTHERS' LIVES OR MY OWN AS A MATTER OF FACT
BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN I WAS NICKNAMED THE DEATH GOD ..
I WAS LIVING IN AN UNFORGIVING AND VIOLENT ENVIRONMENT.


IF I RELIVE MY NAME AS THE DEATH GOD AND TAKE OTHER PEOPLE'S FATE INTO MY OWN HANDS...
I WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN HUGE AMOUNT OF LUCK!
YUU!
WHAT WHAT'S WITH THE INJURIES ON YOUR FACE? WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU GOT IN A FIGHT?
I TRIPPED AND FELL, I WAS CLUMSY EVERYONE WAS LAUGHING AT ME


YOU'RE LYING!
THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE FALL INJURIES TO ME!
RECENTLY, I'VE SEEN SO MANY FRESH INJURIES ON YOUR NECKLINE AND BELOW YOUR SLEEVES
I BET YOUR WHOLE BODY IS COVERED IN WOUNDS!
WHY ARE YOU HIDING THEM FROM ME? WHAT'S GOING ON?
RIKA...
I'VE ALREADY SWORN TO GOD THAT I'LL NEVER LIVE LIKE BEFORE I WON'T DO ANYTHING FOOLISH TO HURT YOU
REALLY?
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T MEAN TO WORRY YOU. I JUST FEEL EXHAUSTED THESE DAYS AND CAN'T FOCUS
BUT I PROMISE YOU THAT I WON'T LET MYSELF GET HURT AGAIN
REALLY?
OF COURSE! WE HAVE KARIN NOW, I WON'T ACT RASHLY.


I AM SO VERY SORRY, RIKA. I REALLY DON'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT AND HURT YOU...
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TELL YOU WHAT I'M PLANNING TO DO
KURUSU!


HEY!
FUKUHARA, HOW ARE YOU?
DUDE, LONG TIME NO SEE! WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR FACE? HAVE YOU BEEN FIGHTING?
NEVER MIND, THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT. COME ON IN!
WOW, I MISS THIS ROOM SO MUCH!
HEH, I EVEN PRESERVED THAT HOLE YOU PUNCHED INTO THE WALL
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DID THAT. YOU WERE SO DISTURBED THAT TIME
CAN YOU REMEMBER HOW CRAZY YOU ONCE WERE?
BUT YOU'VE CHANGED INTO THIS CALM, COLLECTED MAN NOW. UNBELIEVABLE!


DO YOU STILL REMEMBER THE TIME WHEN OMURA WAS KIDNAPPED AND I RISKED MY LIFE TO SAVE HIM?
OF COURSE! YOU WERE SO BADLY BEATEN UP THAT TIME I THOUGHT YOU WOULDN'T MAKE IT
HONESTLY, I'VE NEVER COME SO CLOSE TO DEATH SINCE THAT UNFORGETTABLE DAY
THAT MAN WHO TWISTED AND BROKE YOUR ARM, WAS ACTUALLY A PROFESSIONAL ASSASSIN
HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE'S A FRIEND OF THE YAKUZA
THINKING BACK, IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT FOR SAYING THAT BULLSHIT TO ANGER HIM
THAT'S HOW YOU ENDED WITH THE BROKEN ARM
IS HE REALLY A PROFESSIONAL ASSASSIN?
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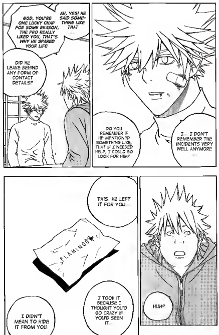
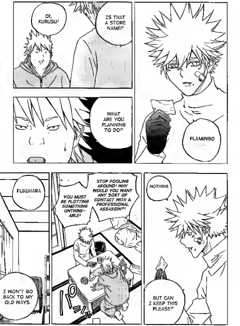
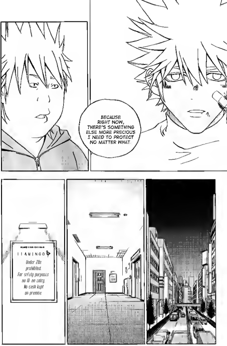

GOD, YOU'RE ONE LUCKY CHAP FOR SOME REASON, THE PRO REALLY LIKED YOU, THAT'S WHY HE SPARED YOUR LIFE
AH, YES! HE SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT
DID HE LEAVE BEHIND ANY FORM OF CONTACT DETAILS?
DO YOU REMEMBER IF HE MENTIONED SOMETHING LIKE THAT IF I NEEDED HELP, I COULD GO LOOK FOR HIM?
I... I DON'T REMEMBER THE INCIDENTS VERY WELL ANYMORE
THIS. HE LEFT IT FOR YOU
FLAMINGO
HUH?
I TOOK IT BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU'D GO CRAZY IF YOU'D SEEN IT
I DIDN'T MEAN TO HIDE IT FROM YOU


FLAMINGO
OI, KURUSU!
IS THAT A STORE NAME?
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
NOTHING
BUT CAN I KEEP THIS PLEASE?
STOP FOOLING AROUND! WHY WOULD YOU WANT ANY SORT OF CONTACT WITH A PROFESSIONAL ASSASSIN?!
YOU MUST BE PLOTTING SOMETHING UNTHINKABLE!
FUKUHARA
I WON'T GO BACK TO MY OLD WAYS.

SFX SNATCHES


BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE MORE PRECIOUS I NEED TO PROTECT NO MATTER WHAT.
FLAMINGO
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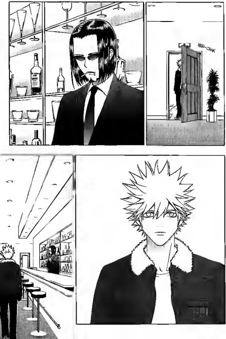
No cash kept on premise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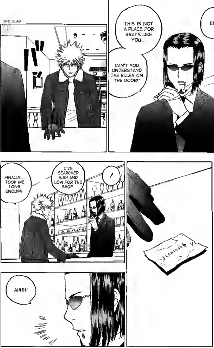
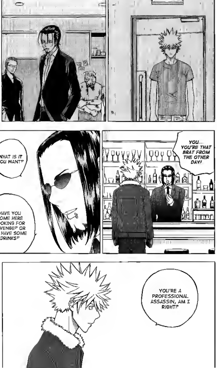
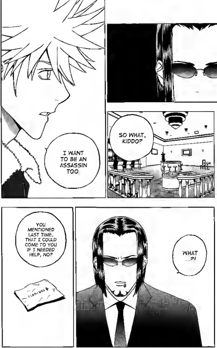
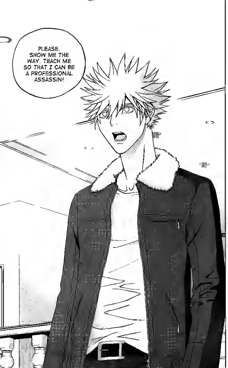

EH!
THIS IS NOT A PLACE FOR BRATS LIKE YOU...
CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THE RULES ON THE DOOR?
SFX: SLAM
FLAMINGO
!
I'VE SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW FOR THE SHOP
FINALLY TOOK ME LONG ENOUGH
AHHH!


YOU... YOU'RE THAT BRAT FROM THE OTHER DAY!
WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?
HAVE YOU COME HERE LOOKING FOR REVENGE? OR TO HAVE SOME DRINKS?
YOU'RE A PROFESSIONAL ASSASSIN, AM I RIGHT?


I WANT TO BE AN ASSASSIN TOO
SO WHAT, KIDDO?
YOU MENTIONED LAST TIME, THAT I COULD COME TO YOU IF I NEEDED HELP, NO?
FLAMINGO
WHAT?!


PLEASE. SHOW ME THE WAY... TEACH ME SO THAT I CAN BE A PROFESSIONAL ASSASSIN!

Luck
Stealer
幸運妙賊

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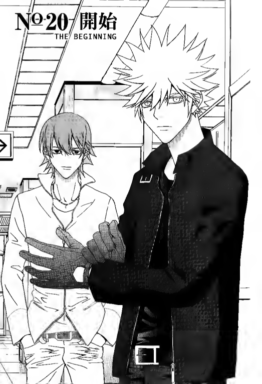
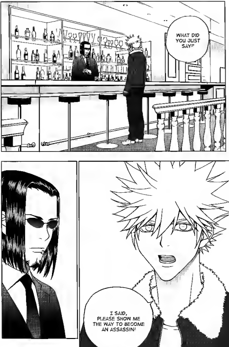
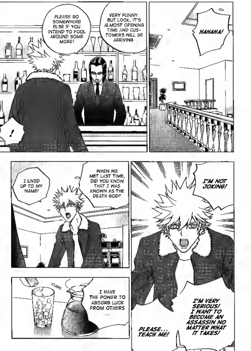
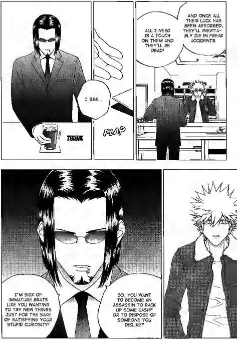
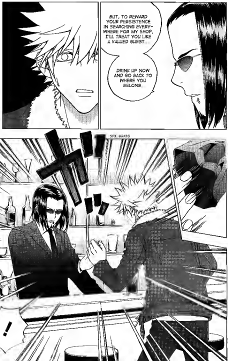
THE BEGINNING




WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
I SAID, PLEASE SHOW ME THE WAY TO BECOME AN ASSASSIN!


PLEASE GO SOMEWHERE ELSE IF YOU INTEND TO FOOL AROUND SOME MORE!
VERY FUNNY BUT LOOK, IT'S ALMOST OPENING TIME AND CUSTOMERS WILL BE ARRIVING
!
HAHAHA!
WHEN WE MET LAST TIME, DID YOU KNOW THAT I WAS KNOWN AS THE DEATH GOD?
I LIVED UP TO MY NAME!
CLANG
I HAVE THE POWER TO ABSORB LUCK FROM OTHERS
I'M NOT JOKING!
I'M VERY SERIOUS! I WANT TO BECOME AN ASSASSIN NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!
PLEASE... TEACH ME!


ALL I NEED IS A TOUCH ON THEM AND THEY'LL BE DEAD!
AND ONCE ALL THEIR LUCK HAS BEEN ABSORBED, THEY'LL INEVITABLY DIE IN FREAK ACCIDENTS
FLAP
I SEE...
THUNK
SO, YOU WANT TO BECOME AN ASSASSIN TO RACK UP SOME CASH? OR TO DISPOSE OF SOMEONE YOU DISLIKE?
I'M SICK OF IMMATURE BRATS LIKE YOU WANTING TO TRY NEW THINGS JUST FOR THE SAKE OF SATISFYING YOUR STUPID CURIOSITY!


BUT, TO REWARD YOUR PERSISTENCE IN SEARCHING EVERYWHERE FOR MY SHOP, I'LL TREAT YOU LIKE A VALUED GUEST...
DRINK UP NOW AND GO BACK TO WHERE YOU BELONG.
SFX: GRABS
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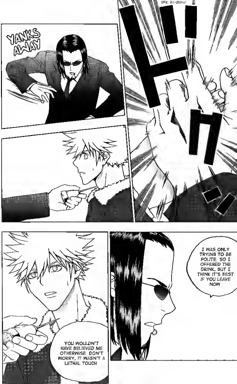
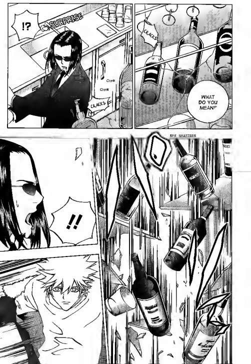

SFX: BA-DUMP
YANKS AWAY
I WAS ONLY TRYING TO BE POLITE, SO I OFFERED THE DRINK, BUT I THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU LEAVE NOW
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED ME OTHERWISE. DON'T WORRY, IT WASN'T A LETHAL TOUCH


CRACKS
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
!?
SURPRISE
Clank
Clank
CRACKS
SFX SHATTERS
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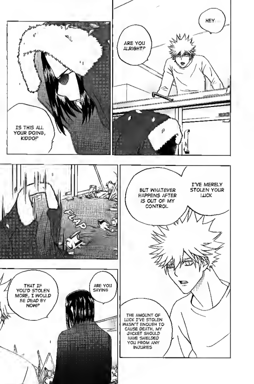
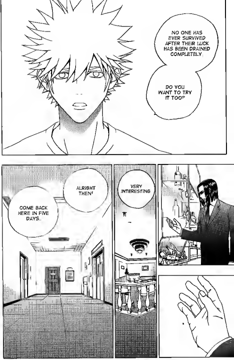
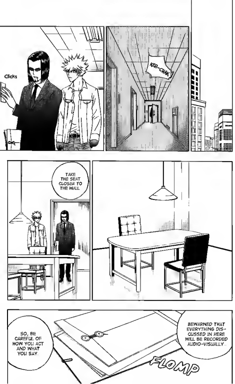
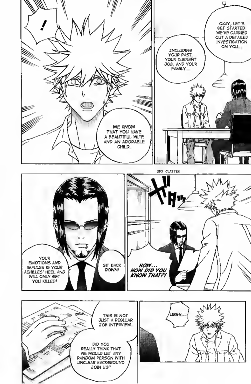
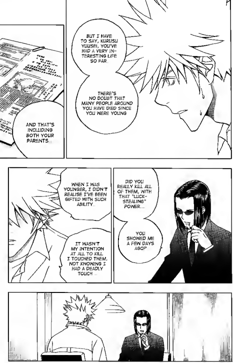
SFX SHATTERS
SFX CLANG
CLANK
SMASH

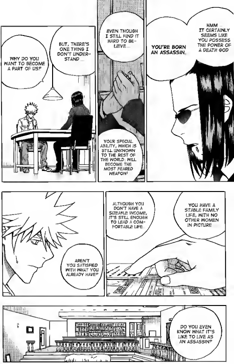

HEY
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
IS THIS ALL YOUR DOING, KIDDO?
I'VE MERELY STOLEN YOUR LUCK
BUT WHATEVER HAPPENS AFTER IS OUT OF MY CONTROL
THE AMOUNT OF LUCK I'VE STOLEN WASN'T ENOUGH TO CAUSE DEATH, MY JACKET SHOULD HAVE SHIELDED YOU FROM ANY INJURIES
FLAP
ARE YOU SAYING
THAT IF YOU'D STOLEN MORE, I WOULD BE DEAD BY NOW?

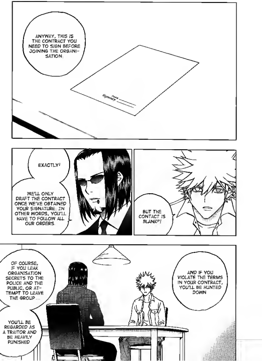

NO ONE HAS EVER SURVIVED AFTER THEIR LUCK HAS BEEN DRAINED COMPLETELY.
DO YOU WANT TO TRY IT TOO?
VERY INTERESTING
ALRIGHT THEN!
COME BACK HERE IN FIVE DAYS.

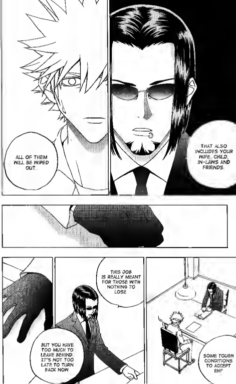

KER-CHAK
Clicks
TAKE THE SEAT CLOSER TO THE WALL
BEWARNED THAT EVERYTHING DISCUSSED IN HERE WILL BE RECORDED AUDIO-VISUALLY..
SO, BE CAREFUL OF HOW YOU ACT AND WHAT YOU SAY.
FLOMP

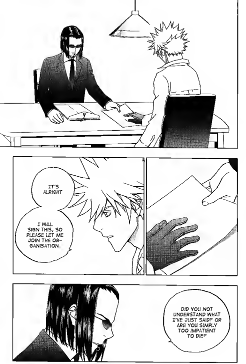

OKAY, LET'S GET STARTED. WE'VE CARRIED OUT A DETAILED INVESTIGATION ON YOU...
INCLUDING YOUR PAST, YOUR CURRENT JOB, AND YOUR FAMILY...
!
WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL WIFE AND AN ADORABLE CHILD.
SFX: CLATTER
ガタッ
HOW... HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?!
SIT BACK DOWN!
YOUR EMOTIONS AND IMPULSE IS YOUR ACHILLES' HEEL AND WILL ONLY GET YOU KILLED!
URGH...
THIS IS NOT JUST A REGULAR JOB INTERVIEW.
DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT WE WOULD LET ANY RANDOM PERSON WITH UNCLEAR BACKGROUND JOIN US?

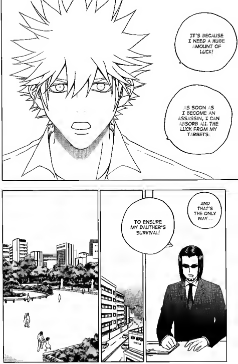

BUT I HAVE TO SAY, KURUSU YUUSEI, YOU'VE HAD A VERY INTERESTING LIFE SO FAR...
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT MANY PEOPLE AROUND YOU HAVE DIED SINCE YOU WERE YOUNG
AND THAT'S INCLUDING BOTH YOUR PARENTS...
DID YOU REALLY KILL ALL OF THEM, WITH THAT "LUCK-STEALING" POWER...
YOU SHOWED ME A FEW DAYS AGO?
WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, I DIDN'T REALISE I'VE BEEN GIFTED WITH SUCH ABILITY...
IT WASN'T MY INTENTION AT ALL TO KILL. I TOUCHED THEM, NOT KNOWING I HAD A DEADLY TOUCH...

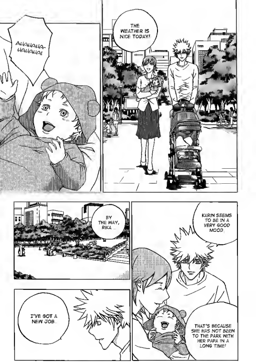

HMM ... IT CERTAINLY SEEMS LIKE YOU POSSESS THE POWER OF A DEATH GOD
YOU'RE BORN AN ASSASSIN.
EVEN THOUGH I STILL FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE ...
YOUR SPECIAL ABILITY, WHICH IS STILL UNKNOWN TO THE REST OF THE WORLD, WILL BECOME THE MOST FEARED WEAPON!
BUT, THERE'S ONE THING I DON'T UNDERSTAND ...
WHY DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A PART OF US?
YOU HAVE A STABLE FAMILY LIFE, WITH NO OTHER WOMEN IN PICTURE.
ALTHOUGH YOU DON'T HAVE A SIZEABLE INCOME, IT'S STILL ENOUGH TO LEAD A COMFORTABLE LIFE.
AREN'T YOU SATISFIED WITH WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE?
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE AS AN ASSASSIN?

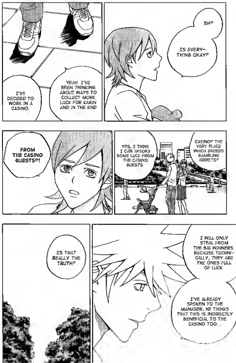

ANYWAY, THIS IS THE CONTRACT YOU NEED TO SIGN BEFORE JOINING THE ORGANISATION.
Date
Signatory
BUT THE CONTACT IS BLANK?!
EXACTLY!
WE'LL ONLY DRAFT THE CONTRACT ONCE WE'VE OBTAINED YOUR SIGNATURE. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'LL HAVE TO FOLLOW ALL OUR ORDERS.
AND IF YOU VIOLATE THE TERMS IN YOUR CONTRACT, YOU'LL BE HUNTED DOWN
OF COURSE, IF YOU LEAK ORGANISATION SECRETS TO THE POLICE AND THE PUBLIC, OR ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE GROUP...
YOU'LL BE REGARDED AS A TRAITOR AND BE HEAVILY PUNISHED

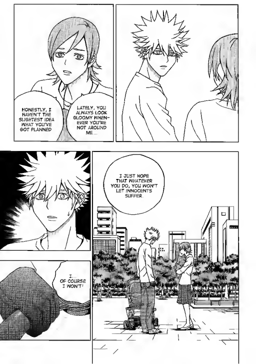

THAT ALSO INCLUDES YOUR WIFE, CHILD, IN-LAWS AND FRIENDS.
ALL OF THEM WILL BE WIPED OUT...
SOME TOUGH CONDITIONS TO ACCEPT, EH?
THIS JOB IS REALLY MEANT FOR THOSE WITH NOTHING TO LOSE
BUT YOU HAVE TOO MUCH TO LEAVE BEHIND IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO TURN BACK NOW

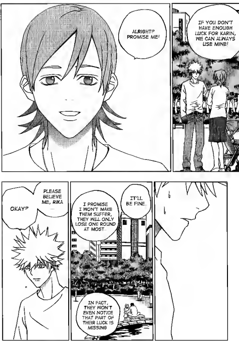

IT'S ALRIGHT
I WILL SIGN THIS, SO PLEASE LET ME JOIN THE ORGANISATION.
DID YOU NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT I'VE JUST SAID? OR ARE YOU SIMPLY TOO IMPATIENT TO DIE?

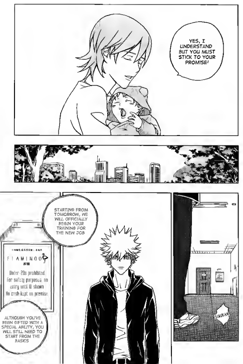

IT'S BECAUSE I NEED A HUGE AMOUNT OF LUCK!
AS SOON AS I BECOME AN ASSASSIN, I CAN ABSORB ALL THE LUCK FROM MY TARGETS.
AND THAT'S THE ONLY WAY...
TO ENSURE MY DAUTHER'S SURVIVAL!

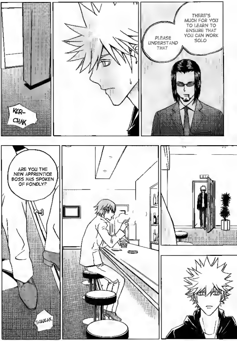

THE WEATHER IS NICE TODAY!
AHAHAHA-HAHAHA!
KARIN SEEMS TO BE IN A VERY GOOD MOOD.
THAT'S BECAUSE SHE HAS NOT BEEN TO THE PARK WITH HER PAPA IN A LONG TIME!
BY THE WAY, RIKA...
I'VE GOT A NEW JOB...

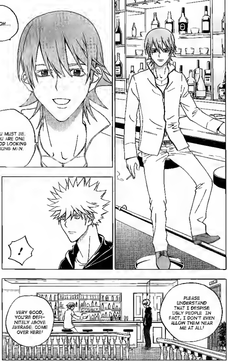

EH?
IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
YEAH I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WAYS TO COLLECT MORE LUCK FOR KARIN AND IN THE END
I'VE DECIDED TO WORK IN A CASINO
CASINO? THE VERY PLACE WHICH BREEDS GAMBLING ADDICTS?
YES, I THINK I CAN ABSORB SOME LUCK FROM THE CASINO GUESTS
FROM THE CASINO GUESTS?!
I WILL ONLY STEAL FROM THE BIG WINNERS, BECAUSE TECHNICALLY, THEY ARE THE ONES FULL OF LUCK
I'VE ALREADY SPOKEN TO THE MANAGER, HE THINKS THAT THIS IS INDIRECTLY BENEFICIAL TO THE CASINO TOO...
IS THAT REALLY THE TRUTH?

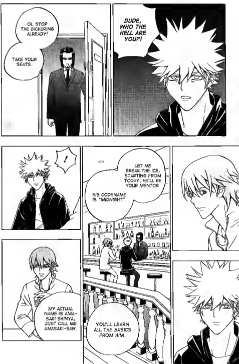

LATELY, YOU ALWAYS LOOK GLOOMY WHENEVER YOU'RE NOT AROUND ME...
HONESTLY, I HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT YOU'VE GOT PLANNED
I JUST HOPE THAT WHATEVER YOU DO, YOU WON'T LET INNOCENTS SUFFER.
I... OF COURSE I WON'T!

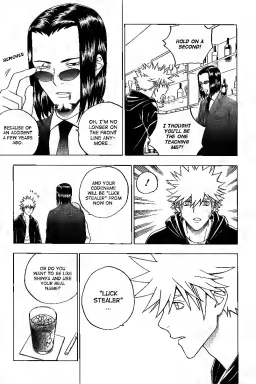

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH LUCK FOR KARIN, WE CAN ALWAYS USE MINE!
ALRIGHT? PROMISE ME!
IT'LL BE FINE.
I PROMISE I WON'T MAKE THEM SUFFER, THEY WILL ONLY LOSE ONE ROUND AT MOST...
IN FACT, THEY WON'T EVEN NOTICE THAT PART OF THEIR LUCK IS MISSING
PLEASE BELIEVE ME, RIKA
OKAY?

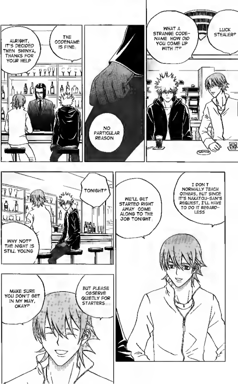

YES, I UNDERSTAND BUT YOU MUST STICK TO YOUR PROMISE!
SQUEAK
STARTING FROM TOMORROW, WE WILL OFFICIALLY BEGIN YOUR TRAINING FOR THE NEW JOB
GAME CASINO BAR
FLAMINGO
Under-20s prohibited
For safety purposes, no entry until ID shown
No cash kept on premise
ALTHOUGH YOU'VE BEEN GIFTED WITH A SPECIAL ABILITY, YOU WILL STILL NEED TO START FROM THE BASICS

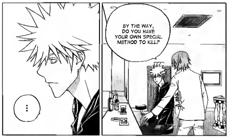

THERE'S MUCH FOR YOU TO LEARN TO ENSURE THAT YOU CAN WORK SOLO
PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT
KER-CHAK
ARE YOU THE NEW APPRENTICE BOSS HAS SPOKEN OF FONDLY?
SQUEAK

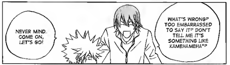

OOOH...
YOU MUST BE. YOU ARE ONE GOOD LOOKING YOUNG MAN.
!
VERY GOOD, YOU'RE DEFINITELY ABOVE AVERAGE. COME OVER HERE!
PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT I DESPISE UGLY PEOPLE. IN FACT, I DON'T EVEN ALLOW THEM NEAR ME AT ALL!


OI, STOP THE BICKERING ALREADY!
TAKE YOUR SEATS.
DUDE, WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
!
LET ME BREAK THE ICE, STARTING FROM TODAY, HE'LL BE YOUR MENTOR
HIS CODENAME IS "MIDNIGHT"...
YOU'LL LEARN ALL THE BASICS FROM HIM...
MY ACTUAL NAME IS AMASAKI SHINYA, JUST CALL ME AMASAKI-SAN

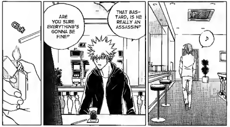

REMOVES
OH, I'M NO LONGER ON THE FRONT LINE ANY-MORE...
BECAUSE OF AN ACCIDENT A FEW YEARS AGO.
HOLD ON A SECOND!
I THOUGHT YOU'LL BE THE ONE TEACHING ME?!
AND YOUR CODENAME WILL BE "LUCK STEALER" FROM NOW ON
!
OR DO YOU WANT TO BE LIKE SHINYA AND USE YOUR REAL NAME?
"LUCK STEALER" ...


LUCK STEALER?
WHAT A STRANGE CODENAME. HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH IT?
NO PARTICULAR REASON
THE CODENAME IS FINE.
ALRIGHT, IT'S DECIDED THEN SHINYA, THANKS FOR YOUR HELP
I DON'T NORMALLY TEACH OTHERS, BUT SINCE IT'S NAKATOU-SAN'S REQUEST, I'LL HAVE TO DO IT REGARDLESS
WE'LL GET STARTED RIGHT AWAY. COME ALONG TO THE JOB TONIGHT
TONIGHT?
WHY NOT? THE NIGHT IS STILL YOUNG
BUT PLEASE OBSERVE QUIETLY FOR STARTERS
MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GET IN MY WAY, OKAY?


BY THE WAY, DO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN SPECIAL METHOD TO KILL?
...


WHAT'S WRONG? TOO EMBARRASSED TO SAY IT? DON'T TELL ME IT'S SOMETHING LIKE KAMEHAMEHA*?
NEVER MIND. COME ON, LET'S GO!

*T/N KAMEHAMEHA IS GOKU'S SIGNATURE ATTACK IN DRAGON BALL SERIES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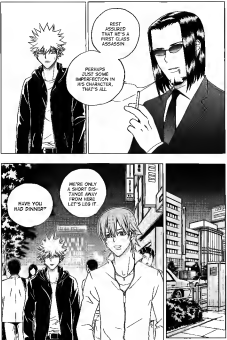
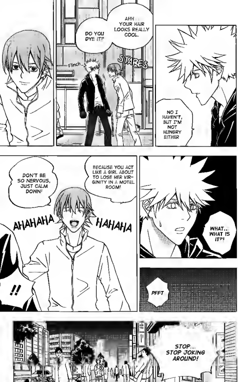
THAT BASTARD, IS HE REALLY AN ASSASSIN?
ARE YOU SURE EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE FINE?
Click


REST ASSURED THAT HE'S A FIRST CLASS ASSASSIN
PERHAPS JUST SOME IMPERFECTION IN HIS CHARACTER, THAT'S ALL
WE'RE ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY FROM HERE LET'S LEG IT.
HAVE YOU HAD DINNER?


NO I HAVEN'T, BUT I'M NOT HUNGRY EITHER
AHH YOUR HAIR LOOKS REALLY COOL.
DO YOU DYE IT?
STARES
Flinch
WHAT.. WHAT IS IT?!
PFFT
HAHAHA
AHAHAHA
DON'T BE SO NERVOUS, JUST CALM DOWN!
BECAUSE YOU ACT LIKE A GIRL ABOUT TO LOSE HER VIRGINITY IN A MOTEL ROOM!
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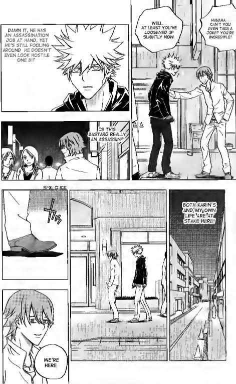
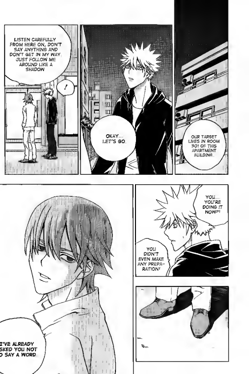
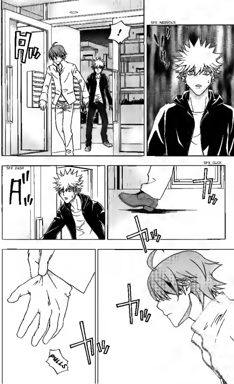
STOP... STOP JOKING AROUND!


HAHAHA CAN'T YOU EVEN TAKE A JOKE? YOU'RE INCREDIBLE!
WELL... AT LEAST YOU'VE LOOSENED UP SLIGHTLY NOW
DAMN IT, HE HAS AN ASSASSINATION JOB AT HAND, YET HE'S STILL FOOLING AROUND. HE DOESN'T EVEN LOOK HOSTILE ONE BIT
IS THIS BASTARD REALLY AN ASSASSIN?
BOTH KARIN'S AND MY OWN LIFE ARE AT STAKE HERE!
SFX: CLICK
WE'RE HERE


OUR TARGET LIVES IN ROOM 301 OF THIS APARTMENT BUILDING.
OKAY... LET'S GO.
LISTEN CAREFULLY FROM HERE ON, DON'T SAY ANYTHING AND DON'T GET IN MY WAY. JUST FOLLOW ME AROUND LIKE A SHADOW
!
YOU... YOU'RE DOING IT NOW?!
YOU DIDN'T EVEN MAKE ANY PREPARATION!
I'VE ALREADY ASKED YOU NOT TO SAY A WORD.


SFX NERVOUS
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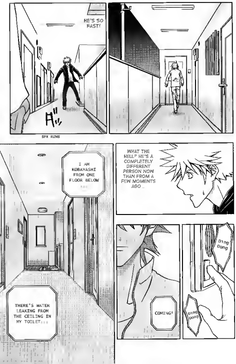
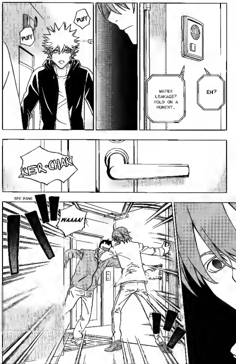
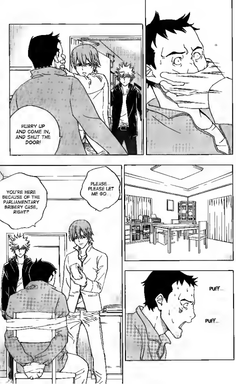
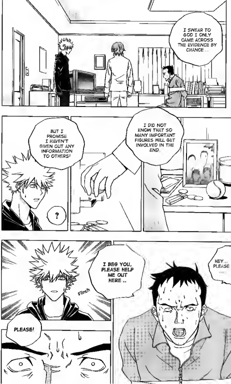

HE'S SO FAST!
SFX RUNS
WHAT THE HELL? HE'S A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON NOW THAN FROM A FEW MOMENTS AGO...
Ding Dong
Ding Dong
COMING!
I AM KOBAYASHI FROM ONE FLOOR BELOW ...
THERE'S WATER LEAKING FROM THE CEILING IN MY TOILET...


EH?
WATER LEAKAGE? HOLD ON A MOMENT.
PUFF
PUFF
KER-CHAK
SFX BANG
WAAAA!


HURRY UP AND COME IN, AND SHUT THE DOOR!
YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY BRIBERY CASE, RIGHT?
PLEASE... PLEASE LET ME GO...
PUFF...
PUFF...


I SWEAR TO GOD I ONLY CAME ACROSS THE EVIDENCE BY CHANCE ...
I DID NOT KNOW THAT SO MANY IMPORTANT FIGURES WILL GET INVOLVED IN THE END
BUT I PROMISE I HAVEN'T GIVEN OUT ANY INFORMATION TO OTHERS!
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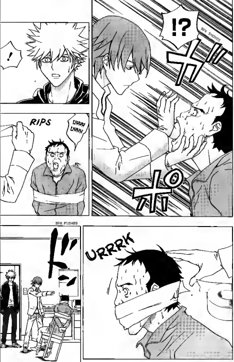
HEY... PLEASE ...
I BEG YOU, PLEASE HELP ME OUT HERE ..
Flinch
PLEASE!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SFX: SHOVES
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UHHH UHHH
RIPS
URRRK
SFX: PUSHES
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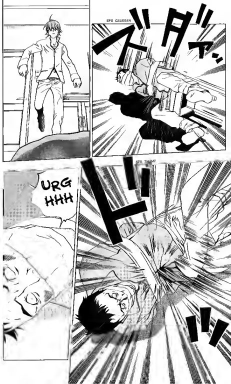
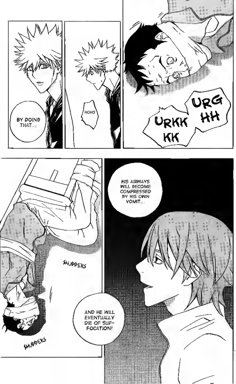
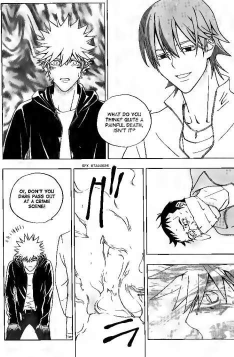
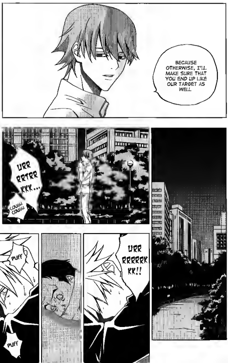
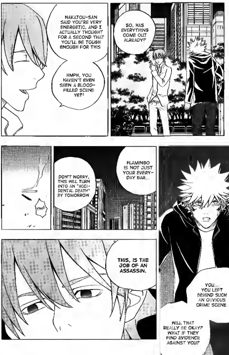
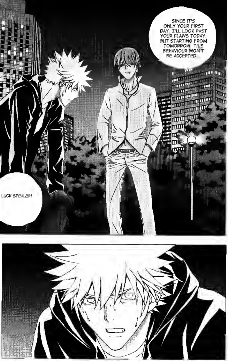

SFX GRASSSH
ズダァッ
SFX THUMP
ドッ
URG HHH


URG HH
URKK KK
HOHO
BY DOING THAT...
HIS AIRWAYS WILL BECOME COMPRESSED BY HIS OWN VOMIT...
AND HE WILL EVENTUALLY DIE OF SUF-FOCATION!
SHUDDERS
SHUDDERS


WHAT DO YOU THINK? QUITE A PAINFUL DEATH, ISN'T IT?
SFX STAGGERS
OI, DON'T YOU DARE PASS OUT AT A CRIME SCENE!


BECAUSE OTHERWISE, I'LL MAKE SURE THAT YOU END UP LIKE OUR TARGET AS WELL
URR RRTRR KKK...
COUGH COUGH
PUFF
PUFF
URR RRRRRK KK!!

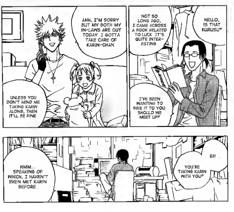

SO, HAS EVERYTHING COME OUT ALREADY?
NAKATOU-SAN SAID YOU'RE VERY ENERGETIC, AND I ACTUALLY THOUGHT FOR A SECOND THAT YOU'LL BE TOUGH ENOUGH FOR THIS
HMPH, YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN A BLOOD-FILLED SCENE YET!
YOU... YOU LEFT BEHIND SUCH AN OBVIOUS CRIME SCENE
WILL THAT REALLY BE OKAY? WHAT IF THEY FIND EVIDENCE AGAINST YOU?
FLAMINGO IS NOT JUST YOUR EVERY-DAY BAR.
DON'T WORRY, THIS WILL TURN INTO AN "ACCI-DENTAL DEATH" BY TOMORROW
Thud
THIS, IS THE JOB OF AN ASSASSIN.

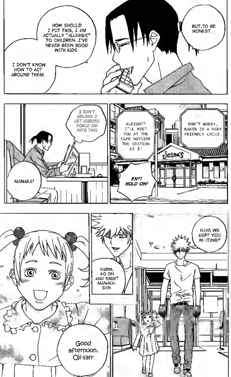

SINCE IT'S ONLY YOUR FIRST DAY, I'LL LOOK PAST YOUR FLAWS TODAY BUT STARTING FROM TOMORROW, THIS BEHAVIOUR WON'T BE ACCEPTED
LUCK STEALER!

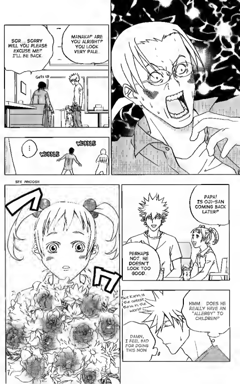
LUCK STEALER 5 (END) TO BE CONTINUED...

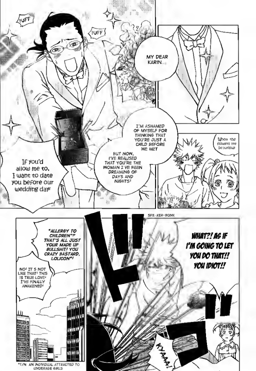
Extra №1

MANAKA'S AWAKENING


HELLO, IS THAT KURUSU?
NOT SO LONG AGO, I CAME ACROSS A BOOK RELATED TO LUCK. IT'S QUITE INTERESTING
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO GIVE IT TO YOU. SHOULD WE MEET UP?
AHH, I'M SORRY BUT MY BOTH MY IN-LAWS ARE OUT TODAY. I GOTTA TAKE CARE OF KARIN-CHAN
UNLESS YOU DON'T MIND ME TAKING KARIN ALONG, THEN IT'LL BE FINE
EH
YOU'RE TAKING KARIN WITH YOU?
HMM.. SPEAKING OF WHICH, I HAVEN'T EVEN MET KARIN BEFORE..


BUT, TO BE HONEST
HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS, I AM ACTUALLY "ALLERGIC" TO CHILDREN. I'VE NEVER BEEN GOOD WITH KIDS
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ACT AROUND THEM.
DON'T WORRY, KARIN IS A VERY FRIENDLY CHILD.
ALRIGHT? I'LL MEET YOU AT THE CAFE OUTSIDE THE STATION AT 3!
EH?! HOLD ON!
Joina's
I CAN'T BELIEVE I LET KURUSU FORCE ME INTO THIS
MANAKA!
HAVE WE KEPT YOU WAITING?
KARIN, GO ON AND GREET MANAKA-SAN.
Good afternoon, Oji-san!


MANAKA? ARE YOU ALRIGHT? YOU LOOK VERY PALE.
SOR... SORRY WILL YOU PLEASE EXCUSE ME? I'LL BE BACK
Gets up
...
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
PAPA! IS OJI-SAN COMING BACK LATER?
PERHAPS NOT. HE DOESN'T LOOK TOO GOOD.
HMM... DOES HE REALLY HAVE AN "ALLERGY" TO CHILDREN?
But Karin is the cutest thing in the world!!
DAMN, I FEEL BAD FOR DOING THIS NOW
SFX WHOOSH


MY DEAR KARIN...
PUFF
PUFF
I'M ASHAMED OF MYSELF FOR THINKING THAT YOU'RE JUST A CHILD BEFORE WE MET
BUT NOW, I'VE REALISED THAT YOU'RE THE WOMAN I'VE BEEN DREAMING OF DAYS AND NIGHTS!
Whoa the flowers are beautiful!
If you'd allow me to, I want to date you before our wedding day!
SFX: KER-BONK
WHAT?! AS IF I'M GOING TO LET YOU DO THAT!! YOU IDIOT!!
"ALLERGY TO CHILDREN"? THAT'S ALL JUST YOUR MADE UP BULLSHIT! YOU CRAZY BASTARD, LOLICON*!
NO! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! THIS IS TRUE LOVE! I'VE FINALLY AWAKENED!
KYAAA!

*T/N: AN INDIVIDUAL ATTRACTED TO UNDERAGE GIRLS